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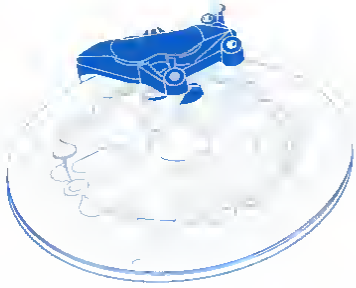

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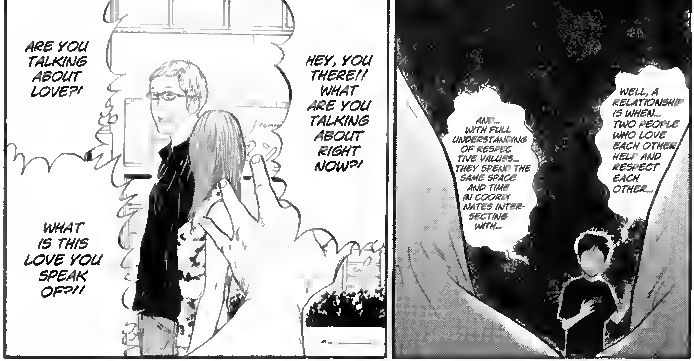
Chapter 13:
Proposal

Last night,

I made a girlfriend.

Dude, shut up, don't be an asshole! This awesome girl says she likes you, just accept it!
Everything? And what exactly do you know about me? Is that such a smart thing to say? How much do you concretely know about me?
When asked what it was she liked about me, her answer was 'everything' ...
We'll be boyfriend and girlfriend.
So, the next time we meet ..
What is a..
RELATIONSHIP?!!
Boyfriend and girlfriend.
A couple.
Heterosexual relationship.
C'mon, say it right now! Tell us what a relationship means!!
What, you thought all night long and couldn't come up with an answer?! And you came here anyways?!


ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT LOVE?!
HEY, YOU THERE!! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT RIGHT NOW?!
WHAT IS THIS LOVE YOU SPEAK OF?!!
WELL, A RELATIONSHIP IS WHEN... TWO PEOPLE WHO LOVE EACH OTHER, HELP AND RESPECT EACH OTHER...
AND... WITH FULL UNDERSTANDING OF RESPECTIVE VALUES... THEY SPEND THE SAME SPACE AND TIME IN COORDINATES INTERSECTING WITH...

!!
Tap Tap

HELLO.

H, HEY
GOOD DAY
SORRY, WERE YOU WAITING?
NO, I JUST GOT HERE
AHHHH, I FEEL KINDA SHY NOW
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
W-WELL.. WHY DON'T WE JUST WALK AROUND FOR A BIT FIRST?
YEAH
...Is this believable??

This person here is my girlfriend...
HOPEFULLY... WE'LL BE HOLDING HANDS WITHIN A YEAR...
PROBABLY NOT...

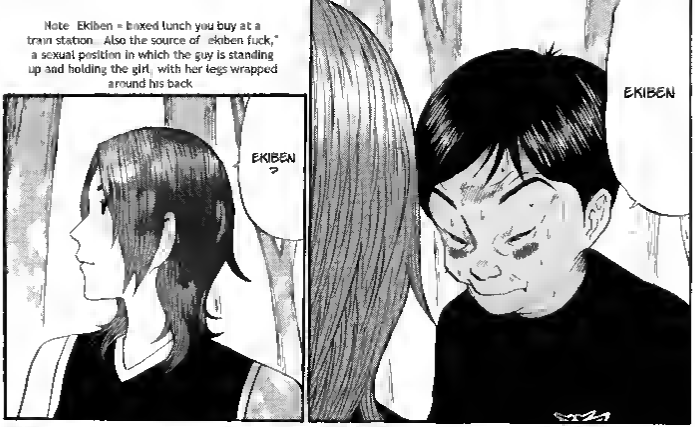
HEY, CHECK IT OUT. THAT GUY'S RIDING BY HIMSELF.
..OH.
YOU'RE RIGHT
NOPE.. TODAY'S MY DAY OFF
YOU DON'T HAVE WORK TODAY, DO YOU, OGINO?

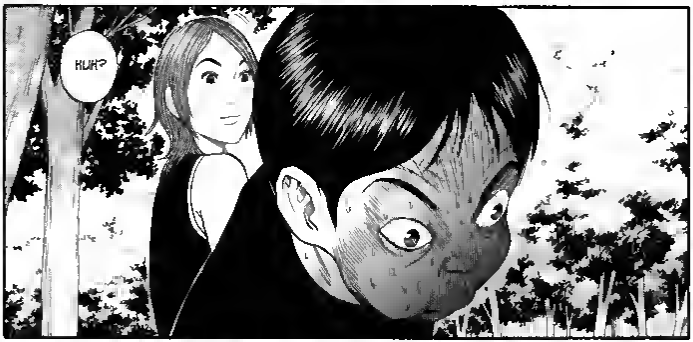
SO... NAGUMO, ARE YOU ALREADY RIDING...
YOUR ZIP
YEAH JUST IN THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD
IT'S REALLY HEAVY AND SCARY THOUGH
...IF I FELL OVER I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO GET IT BACK UP
..HEY, OSINO
AREN'T WE A LITTLE FAR AWAY?
HUH?
Y YOU THINK SO?
YES, A BIT JUST A BIT FAR AWAY..
I'M SORRY
HOW ABOUT THIS

The thought of sleeping through a very cold and terrifying night...
That's right... the thing I'm most afraid of is making her dislike me already...
Oh... crap...
I'm freaking out way more than before!!
Have courage; move ahead!!
That's always what causes you to fail!
Stop thinking only about yourself!!
No, stop! Stop all the self-protection!
Now go!! I don't care what, just talk about SOMETHING!!
She's nervous too, but she's being brave enough to talk!
C'mon, keep going!! There aren't THAT many landmines in front of me!

N...
NAGUMO
...
YES?
...UM.
ACK!!!

Note: Ekiben = boxed lunch you buy at a train station. Also the source of "ekiben fuck," a sexual position in which the guy is standing up and holding the girl, with her legs wrapped around his back.





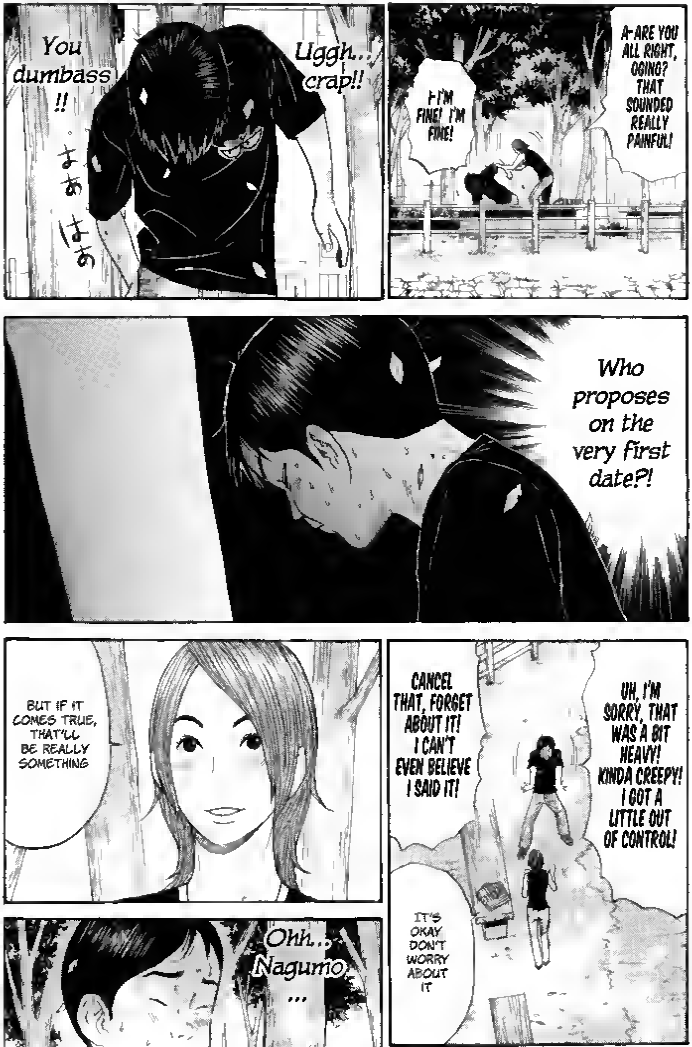
N... NAGUMO?!!
YEAH?
WHAT WAS THAT?! EKIBEN WHAT?! THE NASTY KIND?! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?! AAAAH, FORGET IT! NEXT ONE! TAKE IT EASY!!

...ARE YOU... REALLY MY GIRL-FRIEND?
AR
WHAT?!
...
YES.
WH
WHY? HOW CAN THAT BE?
WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU SAYING?! STOP! JUST STOP!!
BECAUSE I LIKE YOU.
THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU AT DRIVING SCHOOL, I THOUGHT
"THIS IS IT! THIS IS THE GUY!"

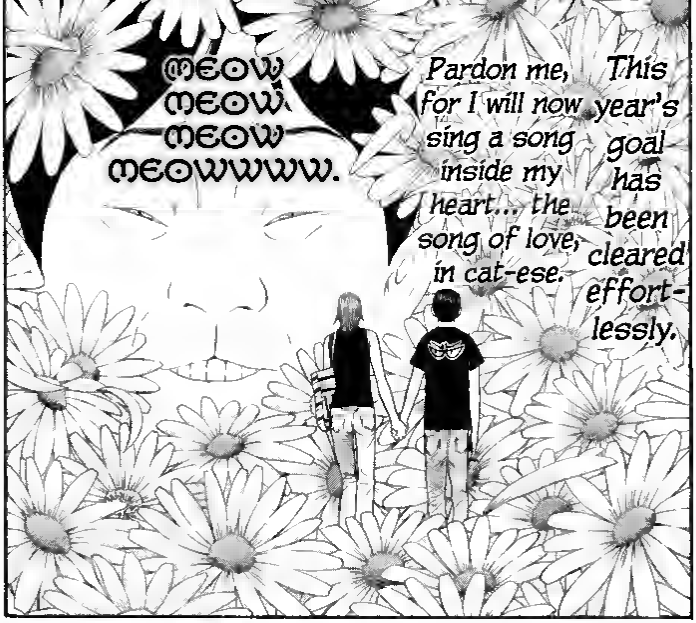
The first time at driving school...
This is the guy.
S, SAID WHAT?
WELL WHETHER YOU LIKED ME OR NOT
YOU NEVER REALLY SAID IT LAST NIGHT
SO WHAT ABOUT YOU, THEN?!
ARE YOU SURE? YOU REALLY WANT TO HEAR MY FEELINGS?
CAUSE I'LL SAY THEM. I'LL LET THEM ALL OUT, AND YOU MIGHT BE SORRY!!
SO BASICALLY... YOU'RE SAYING, "BE A MAN... GODDAMNIT, BE A MAN AND SAY IT"?
UMM, WELL, IT'S UP TO YOU ..
I THINK THERE WAS KIND OF A "ME TOO" THING...

GOD-DAMNIT WILL YOU MARRY ME AT SOME DATE IN THE FUTURE ?!!
AAAAAA NAGUMO!! I LOVE YOU!! I AM SO TOTALLY HEAD-OVER-HEELS IN LOVE!!

HUH?!
GYCEE EEEEEE EEEEEE EEEEE EEE


You dumbass!!
Uggh... crap!!
まあはあ
A-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, OGINO? THAT SOUNDED REALLY PAINFUL!
I-I'M FINE! I'M FINE!
Who proposes on the very first date?!
BUT IF IT COMES TRUE, THAT'LL BE REALLY SOMETHING
UH, I'M SORRY, THAT WAS A BIT HEAVY! KINDA CREEPY! I GOT A LITTLE OUT OF CONTROL!
CANCEL THAT, FORGET ABOUT IT! I CAN'T EVEN BELIEVE I SAID IT!
IT'S OKAY DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
Ohh... Nagumo
...

A REGULAR BOAT, NOT A SWAN ONE
I'VE NEVER BEEN IN ONE BEFORE.
YOU WANNA RIDE ONE OF THOSE?
HEY, OGINO
DO YOU WANNA HOLDS HANDS?
LET'S DO IT
YEAH, THAT SOUNDS GOOD
No missile attacks, come back tomorrow.
Please, no earthquakes just now.


meow meow meow meowwww.
Pardon me, for I will now sing a song inside my heart... the song of love, in cat-ese.
This year's goal has been cleared effort-lessly.

In just one day...

We've started tearing down our walls...

And I can start to see the real her...

A great example for small-minded people like me.
but she does have her own style to things...
And she's very at ease with herself...
She's kinda laid-back,
Aaah...
I wish I could be with her forever...
UID
UIDガードグループ
R
ロンハース
マコト

OGI?
KUKI
AH!
TAKAI...

NICE TO MEET YOU...
UM... UHH THIS IS MY... GIRL-FRIEND
THIS IS TAKAI... MY FRIEND FROM SCHOOL...
GEEZ, OGI... MAN...
HOLY COW, DUDE..
YEAH.
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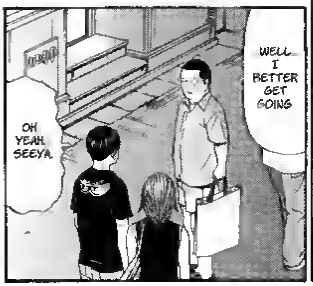

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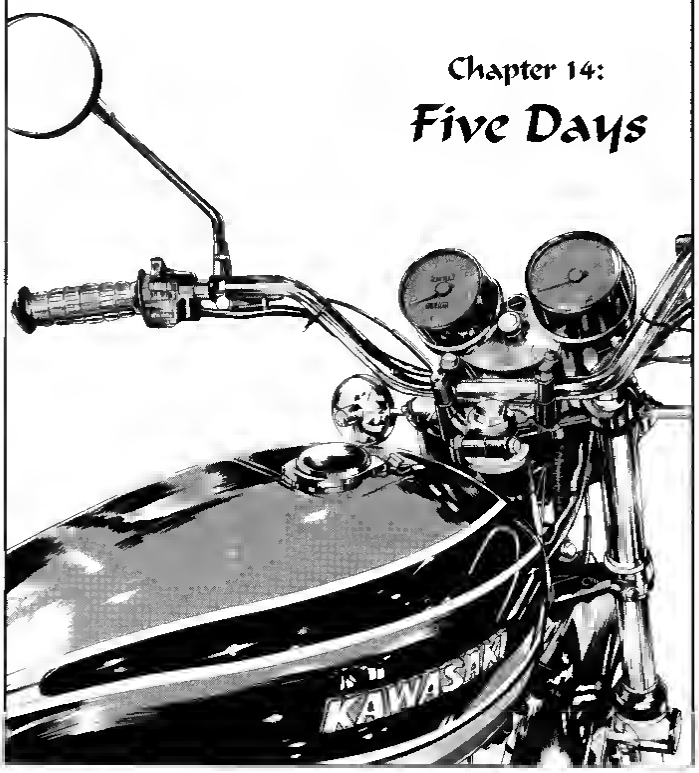
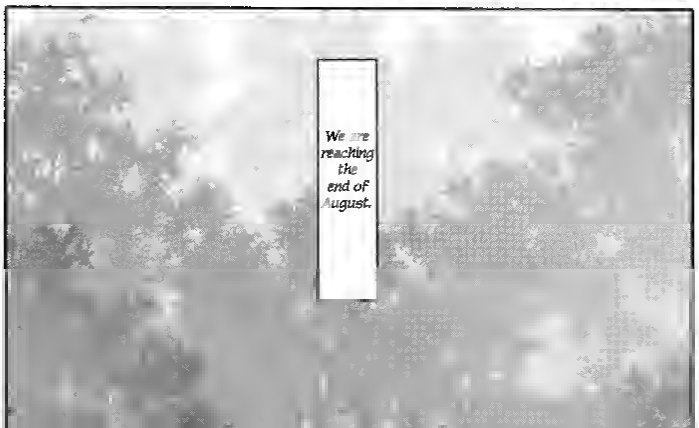
Five Days



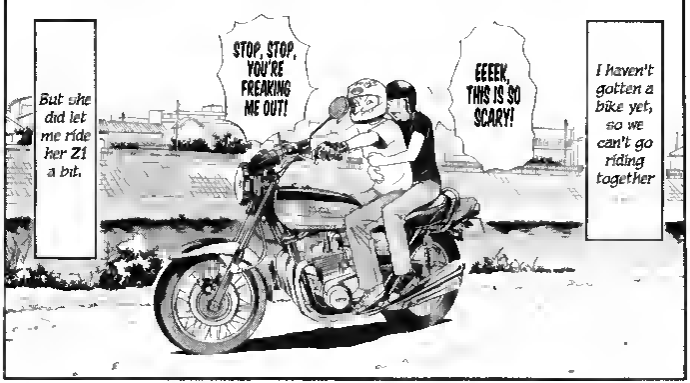


It is coming to an end...
日曜休日の
4月~9月は
13 - 18
10月~3月は
13 - 17
My dream-like summer vacation is ending ...

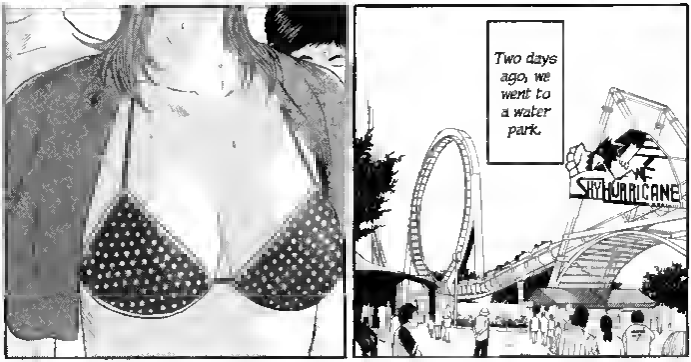
Right now
you could easily say that we are absolutely boyfriend and girlfriend.

After that, we talk on the phone at night ...

have been meeting just about every day.
Nagumo and I


But she did let me ride her Z1 a bit.
STOP, STOP, YOU'RE FREAKING ME OUT!
EEEEK, THIS IS SO SCARY!
I haven't gotten a bike yet, so we can't go riding together

THEY'RE SO BEAUTIFUL WHEN YOU SEE THEM CLOSE-UP
OOOOH
We saw some fire-works.

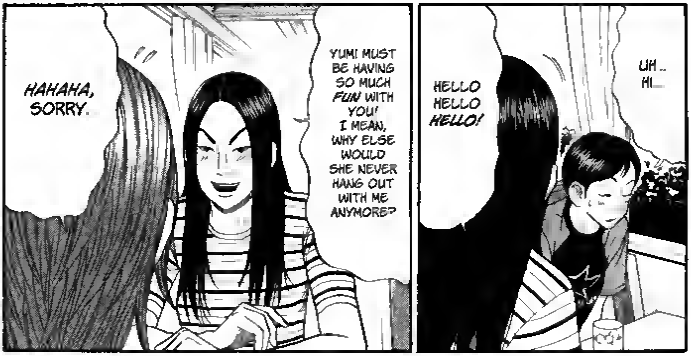

Two days ago, we went to a water park.
SKY HURRICANE

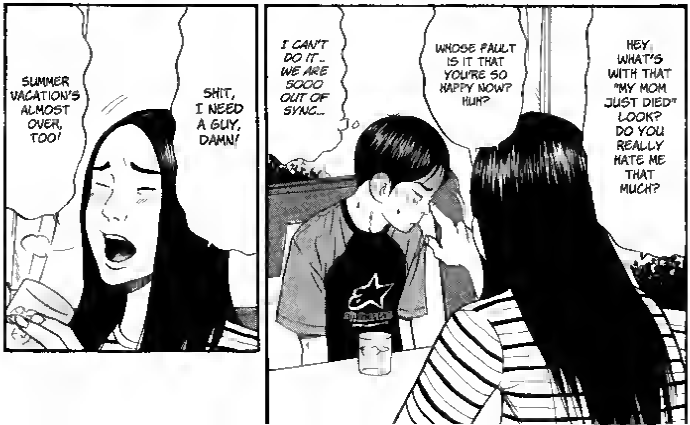
In just about a month, we've gone to all sorts of places and talked about all sorts of things...
We've learned a whole lot about each other...
Action Water
STOP RUNNING TO THE SHALLOW END!
NO, I'M NOT! WHOA, DON'T TOUCH ME THERE!
Nagumo is... well, stacked ...
That I'm picked on at school ...
I haven't told her about...
There's still one thing
But,
That hell will begin all over again ...
In five more days ...

I won't be able to handle the shift ...
The gap's just too big...
I DON'T WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL.
SIGHH. THIS SUCKS.
HUH? WHAT DOES?
AH, THAT'S TAJIMA.
Chan-chaka-chaka chan-chaka-chaka
NO, I WANT TO GET OUT I JUST DON'T WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL.
YOU GONNA TURN INTO A RECLUSE IN YOUR ROOM?

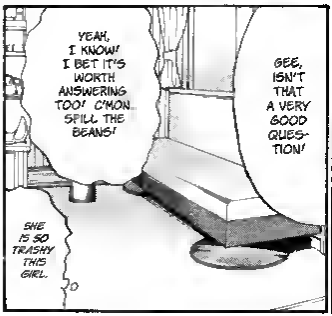
YEAH... OK, HANG ON A SEC.
WHERE ARE YOU? YEAH... YEAH. OH, I SEE
...THIS IS NOT GOING TO WORK
HEY TAJIMA, LONG TIME NO SEE
HELLOOO
OH, DON'T SAY THAT.. C'MON, IT'LL JUST TAKE A FEW MINUTES
NO.. I WANT TO TREASURE THE SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME I HAVE LEFT..
HEY TAJIMA'S IN THE AREA. SHE WANTS TO GET SOMETHING TO EAT
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
DENJIRO

HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
HELLO THERE, YOUNG MR. OGINO !!


HAHAHA, SORRY.
YUM! MUST BE HAVING SO MUCH *FUN* WITH YOU! I MEAN, WHY ELSE WOULD SHE NEVER HANG OUT WITH ME ANYMORE?
HELLO HELLO *HELLO!*
UH.. HI....


SUMMER VACATION'S ALMOST OVER, TOO!
SHIT, I NEED A GUY, DAMN!
I CAN'T DO IT.. WE ARE SOOO OUT OF SYNC...
WHOSE FAULT IS IT THAT YOU'RE SO HAPPY NOW? HUH?
HEY, WHAT'S WITH THAT "MY MOM JUST DIED" LOOK? DO YOU REALLY HATE ME THAT MUCH?

GO RIGHT AHEAD
HEY YUMI... CAN WE HAVE A SERIOUS DISCUSSION NOW?


YEAH, I KNOW! I BET IT'S WORTH ANSWERING TOO! C'MON, SPILL THE BEANS!
GEE, ISN'T THAT A VERY GOOD QUESTION!
SHE IS SO TRASHY THIS GIRL.

I KNEW IT!!
EHEHEHEHE SO, HAVE YOU TWO BEEN SWAPPING SPIT YET?

AREN'T YOU GONNA PICK UP THE PACE, OGINO? SCHOOL'S ABOUT TO START.
HMMM, NOT YET, THEN? WELL, YOU'RE BOTH SHY.. WHAT ARE YOU GUYS STUCK IN THE 1950S?

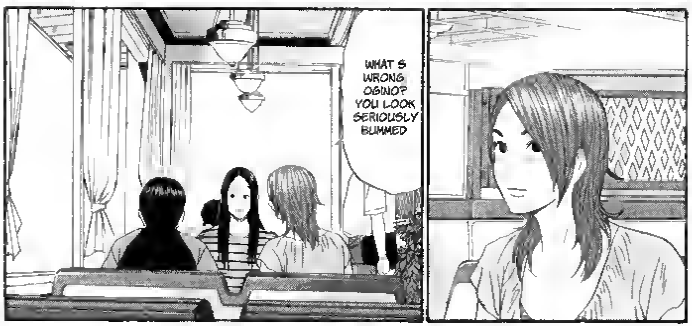
WE'VE HELD HANDS
HANDS? WHO GIVES A SHIT ABOUT HANDS? I WANT TO KNOW IF YOU'VE BEEN HOLDING MOUTHS!
UGH! LIKE SOME GOSSIPING OLD HAG.

W-WHAT THE HELL! YOU DON'T CONTROL ME! BACK OFF, WOMAN!!
YOU'VE GOT FIVE DAYS THEN! FIVE DAYS TO SEAL THE DEAL!
CRAP!! I KNEW IT!!
JUST SO YOU KNOW THERE ARE GUYS FLOCKING TO YUMI LEFT AND RIGHT AT OUR SCHOOL. YOU BETTER PUT SOME FLASH IN YOUR STEP
I BET YUMI WOULD KISS YOU TODAY, RIGHT?
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN ONE MONTH'S NOT TOO EARLY AT ALL.
I'VE LEARNED THIS ON MY OWN YOU CAN'T COMPARE YOURSELF TO OTHERS!
B-BESIDES, WE'VE ONLY BEEN TOGETHER FOR A MONTH, RIGHT? WE'VE GOT OUR OWN PACE FOR DOING THINGS
WHAT ?!!
YEP.

...
SORRY, I DUNNO
UH, WELL, MAYBE
They just get jumbled together.
The good things and bad things repel each other ...
My head is spinning,
and the hell that will soon begin.
Like the image of Nagumo in her swimsuit,

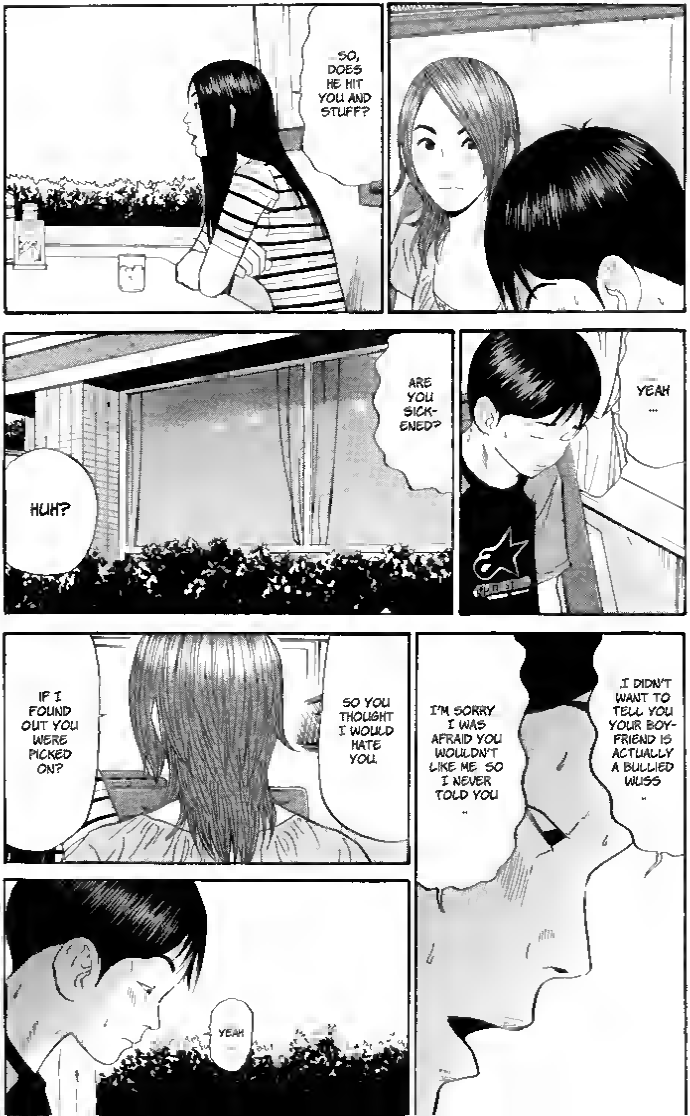
Ahh... I want a motorcycle ...
My own motorcycle ...

I WONDER WHAT TAKAI'S BEEN UP TO SINCE THEN?
YEAH... SO NAGUMO'S POPULAR AT SCHOOL ...
This is no good at all...
No...
ROSSI IS FAST... FAST LIKE THE DEVIL...


WHAT'S WRONG, OGINO? YOU LOOK SERIOUSLY BUMMED

NAGUMO
HUH?
AND YOU'RE PALE ARE YOU FEELING SICK?
...THE TRUTH IS..
AT SCHOOL I GET PICKED ON

THERE'S JUST ONE CRAZY GUY... WHO HARASSES ME...
IT'S NOT LIKE A BIG GROUP THING...
MOSTLY ME... AND MY FRIEND TAKAI WE SAW THE OTHER DAY...


SO, DOES HE HIT YOU AND STUFF?
ARE YOU SICK-ENED?
HUH?
YEAH ...
I DIDN'T WANT TO TELL YOU YOUR BOY-FRIEND IS ACTUALLY A BULLIED WUSS ..
I'M SORRY I WAS AFRAID YOU WOULDN'T LIKE ME SO I NEVER TOLD YOU ..
SO YOU THOUGHT I WOULD HATE YOU.
IF I FOUND OUT YOU WERE PICKED ON?
YEAH ...

YOU ASS!
I... I'M SORRY...
I WOULDN'T HATE YOU OVER SOMETHING THAT SIMPLE! HAVE SOME TRUST IN ME AND DON'T EVER DO ANYTHING SO STUPID AGAIN
WOULD YOU HATE ME IF I WAS PICKED ON? BECAUSE I SURE WOULDN'T.
HEY! YOU SHUT UP! TRASHY GIRL!!
BWEH HEH HEH HEH, SHE LOVES YOU TO DEATH!
NAH NAAAH, YOU GOT YELLED AT! YOU GOT YELLED AT FOR BEING A LITTLE BITCH!

I feel much better...
SEEYA! I'LL CALL YOU LATER
Sweetie
It's not like all the hurdles have been cleared...
STAY OUT OF FIGHTS YOU TWO
I feel a whole lot better...
WANNA GO HOME NOW?
SO WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WHEW-WWW

I DON'T THINK I'M READY YET...
HMMMMMM, ON THE OTHER HAND...
HAHA.. YEAH, WE WALKED A LOT TODAY
I GUESS SO... I FEEL REALLY TIRED...
HUH?
OH! UMM.. WELL.. YEAH, TRUE..
HUH? REALLY.. IT'S ALREADY 8:30 THOUGH!
SOME KIND OF DEVIOUS ATTACK STRATEGY WITH TAJIMA?!!
WAIT, SO—!! WAS THAT MEETING A PLAN TO GET ME REELING SO YOU COULD PLANT A KISS ON ME?!
NO, NOT AT ALL! SETTLE DOWN, YOU'RE THINKING TOO MUCH!
NO, I'M NOT STUCK UP ON IT! I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT IT!
WHAT, WERE YOU REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THAT?!
AHA!! IS IT THE WHOLE KISS THING ?!!

ANY-WAYS, OSIAO
YOU KNOW... THIS MIGHT BE IRRESPON-SIBLE OF ME TO SAY... BUT.. IF YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL, THEN..
DON'T WORRY, I'LL GO TO SCHOOL.
I'M USED TO IT. AFTER ALL, MY "WILL TO LIVE" IS GREAT!
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT ONE BIT
LET'S HANG OUT A LOT AFTER SCHOOL STARTS, TOO. I'LL BUY A CELL PHONE.
REALLY? YAY! I'LL SEND YOU A BUNCH OF E-MAIL.
..AND.. I BET WE'LL K-KISS SOMETIME, TOO..
..LIKE WHEN?
WHO KNOWS?
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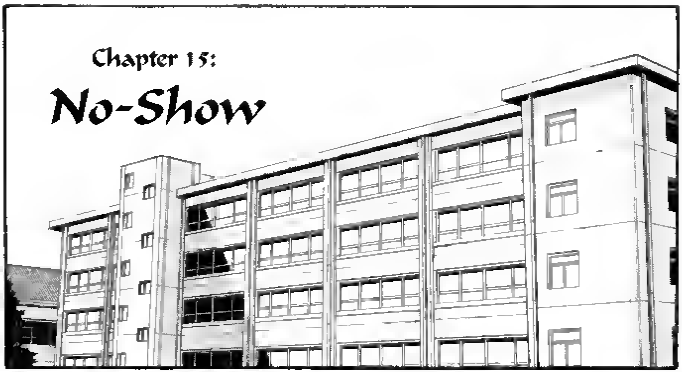
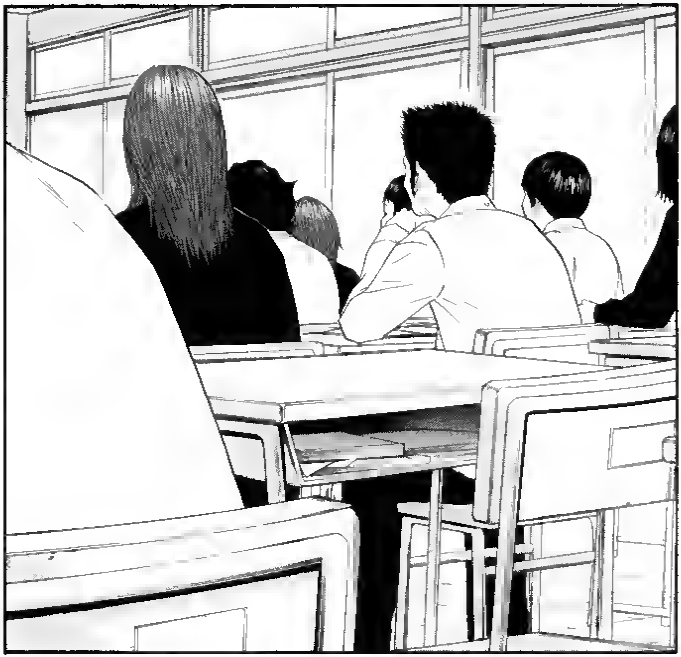
Chapter 15:

No-Show





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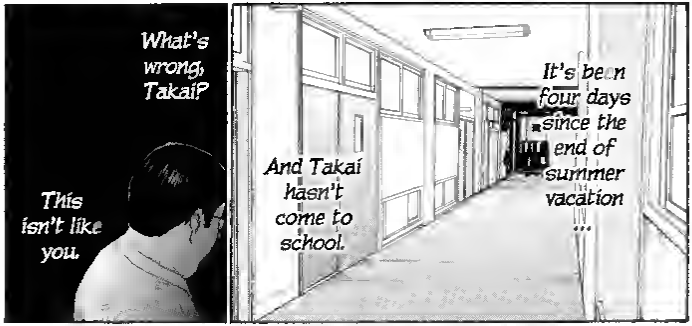
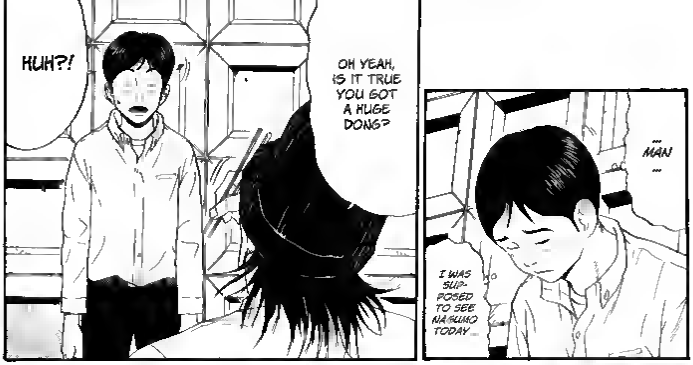
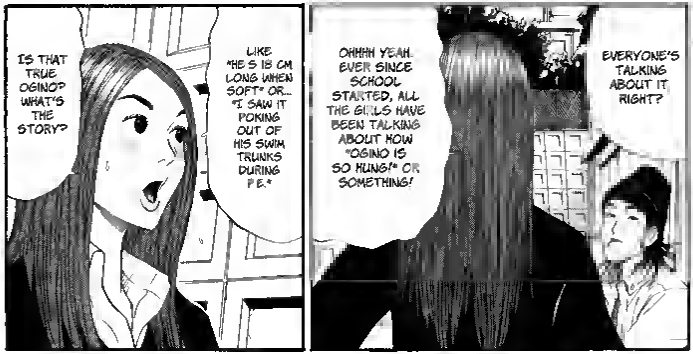

What's wrong, Takai?
This isn't like you.
It's been four days since the end of summer vacation ...
And Takai hasn't come to school.

WHAT'S THE DEAL, OGI BOY?
WHERE'S TAKAI?

UMM... NOT HERE..
DID YOU TRY CALLING HIM? HE'S GOT A PHONE.
YEAH. I CALLED HIM A WHOLE LOT. BUT HE NEVER PICKED UP...
OH WELL, HE'S FINALLY TURNED INTO AN OUTCAST
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, TAN!? ANYONE WOULD AGREE IT'S YOUR FAULT
BRING HIM TO ME TONIGHT, THEN.
HUH?
AT 9 O'CLOCK. MAKE HIM BRING THE JULY AND AUGUST MONEY TO MY HOUSE
THIS IS YOUR RESPONSI-BILITY... BRING THAT PIGGY TO ME!


HUH?!
OH YEAH, IS IT TRUE YOU GOT A HUGE DONG?
...MAN...
I WAS SUPPOSED TO SEE AMAZING TODAY...


IS THAT TRUE OSINO? WHAT'S THE STORY?
LIKE "HE'S IS OK LONG WHEN SOFT" OR... "I SAW IT POKING OUT OF HIS SWIM TRUNKS DURING P.E."
OHHHH YEAH. EVER SINCE SCHOOL STARTED, ALL THE GIRLS HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT HOW "OSINO IS SO HUNG!" OR SOMETHING!
EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT IT, RIGHT?

WHAT?! WHY?!!
THEN LET ME SEE YOUR DICK TONIGHT! JUST NOT NOW, I'M EATING
HEY, I WANNA SEE IT! I WANNA SEE IT TOO!
W-WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?! THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL! WHO THE HELL SAID THAT?!

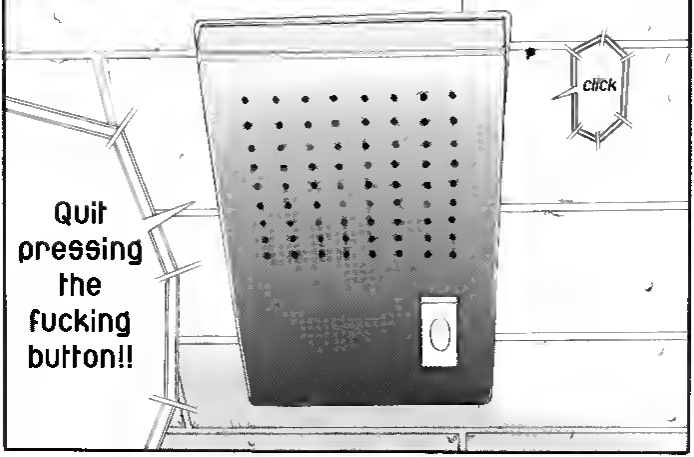
Whaaat? Why not?!
I'M SORRY, NAGUMO.. I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING NOW...
ERR, I MEAN... I HAVE TO GO TO WORK TODAY...
I'M REALLY SORRY TOMORROW! WE'LL HANG OUT TOMORROW, OKAY?
YEAH... ALL RIGHT, I'LL CALL YOU TONIGHT...
Whew
Snap

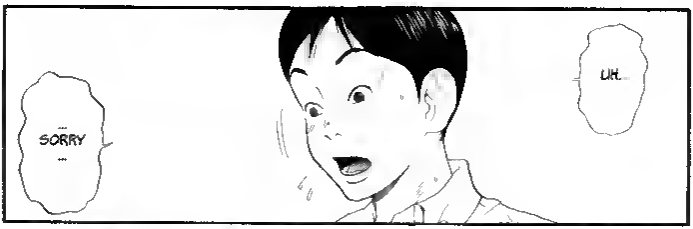
高井
click
HUFF, HUFF
Sig | Taka
はあ
はあ
SHOOT HE'S NOT HOME
click
click
HUFF HUFF
OH PLEASE, AT LEAST LET TAKAI COME HOME..
I GUESS IT COULD HAPPEN HIS DAD DOES SOME CRAZY STUFF...
WHAT'S GOING ON? NOBODY'S EVEN ANSWERING THE PHONE
THEY AREN'T STILL ALL OVERSEAS ON VACATION, ARE THEY ?

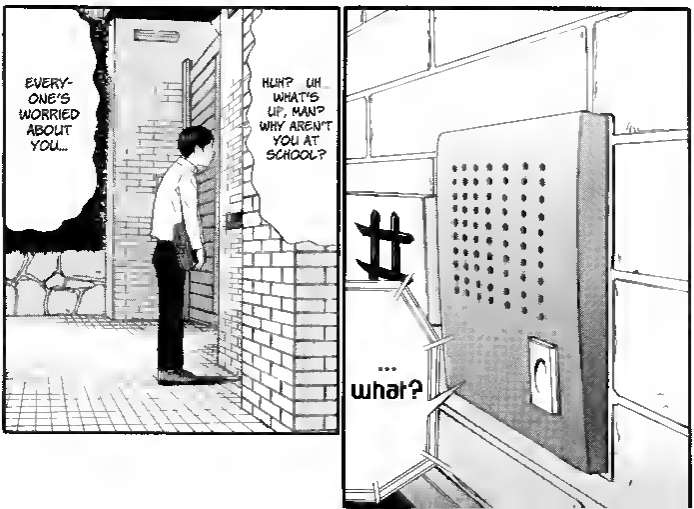
WHEWW... NOTHING TO DO BUT WAIT, THEN...
LIGHT
...JESUS... IS HE SERIOUS ABOUT THE DICK THING?
SUMMER IS EVERYTHING FOR ME, OGI
SIGHH... SUMMER VACATION'S ALMOST OVER. THIS SUCKS.
I'D RATHER DIE THAN GO TO SCHOOL
THAT'S HOW IMPORTANT SUMMER IS TO ME! I WANT TO LIVE IN HAWAII FOREVER!
WINTER SUCKS, BUT SPRING AND AUTUMN ARE JUST LIKE ADD-ONS FOR SUMMER!
HE EVEN GIVES ME NIGHTMARES NOW... I CAN'T STAND SEEING TANIWAKI ANYMORE...
OGI, IF YOU DON'T GO TO SCHOOL, YOU'RE ADMITTING YOU'VE LOST.
THEY'RE NOT ADD-ONS...

IT'S A TOTAL WASTE! DON'T GIVE UP YOUR FUTURE FOR HIS SAKE, OGI!!
I DON'T WANT TO GO EITHER... BUT I'M NOT GONNA LET MY LIFE BE RUINED BY SUCH A MONUMENTAL PRICK ASSHOLE ...
SWISH
TAKAI ...
AH!

RIGHT HERE! LOOK AT ME, TAKAI!!
HEYYY!! HEY, TAKAI!!
HEY!! TAKAI?!
HEY TAKAI, YOU'RE IN THERE, RIGHT?!
PLEASE MAN, OPEN UP, DUDE!
HELLO? HEL-LOOOO?
click click click
WE TOTALLY MADE EYE CON-TACT!!
W-WHAT THE HECK, IS HE IGNORING ME?!


Quit pressing the fucking button!!
click


... SORRY ...
UH...


EVERY-ONE'S WORRIED ABOUT YOU...
HUH? UH... WHAT'S UP, MAN? WHY AREN'T YOU AT SCHOOL?
... what?

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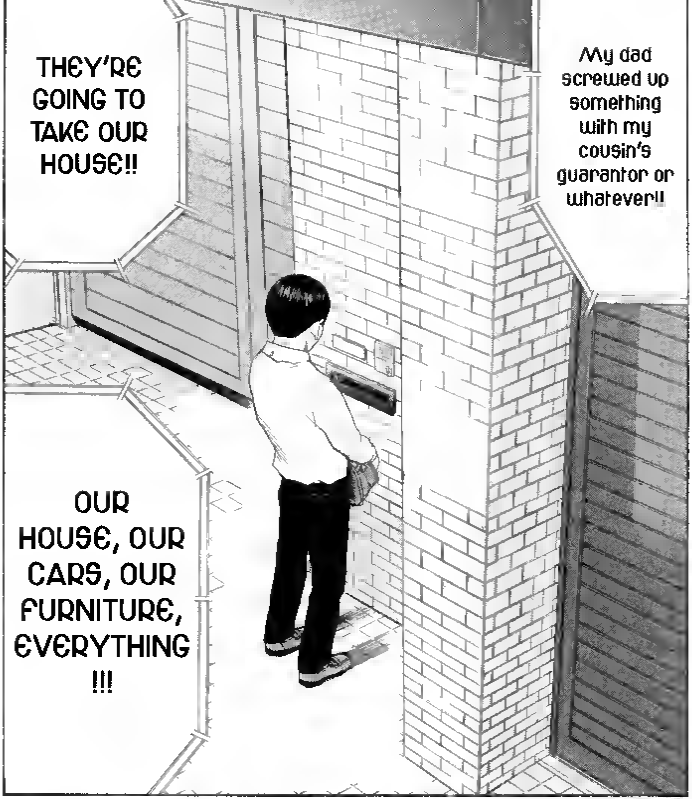
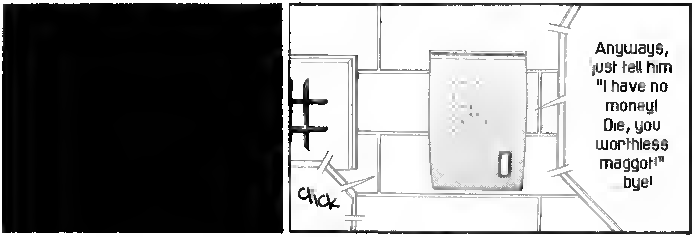
Hmph
...
...
YEAH
...
UM
...
You're here because the asshole wants me, right?
Well? Enough formalities, what does he want?
NO.
TANIWAKI SAYS.. HE WANTS THE JULY AND AUGUST MONEY
AT 9 O'CLOCK AT HIS HOUSE TONIGHT

PLEASE... EVEN IF YOU DON'T PAY HIM, JUST GO AND HE'LL–
YOU KNOW HE WON'T CARE ABOUT THAT RIGHT? COME ON, MAN! WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO TELL HIM?
I can't... I have no money why would I go?
..NO? YOU KNOW HE'S NOT GONNA TAKE THAT FOR AN ANSWER YOU SHOULD AT LEAST GO, OR ELSE HE'LL BE *REALLY* PISSED OFF LATER..
GO HOME, YOU STUPID BITCH!!
SHUT THE FUCK UP!! GOD!!
WE DON'T HAVE ANY GOD-DAMN MONEY ANY-MORE !!
LISTEN, MOTH-ER-FUCKER!

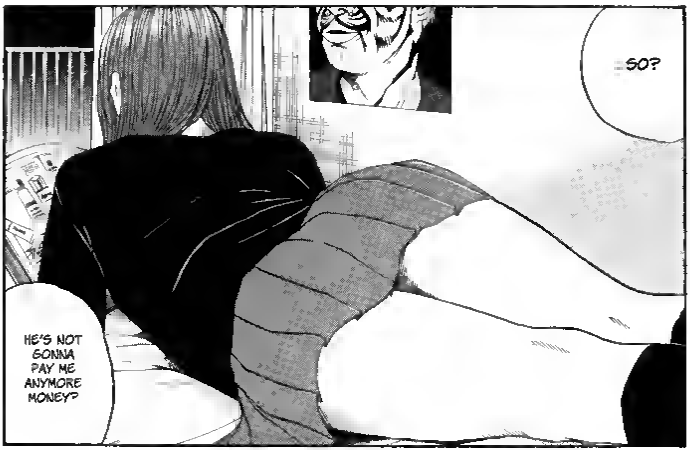

THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE OUR HOUSE!!
My dad screwed up something with my cousin's guarantor or whatever!!
OUR HOUSE, OUR CARS, OUR FURNITURE, EVERYTHING !!!

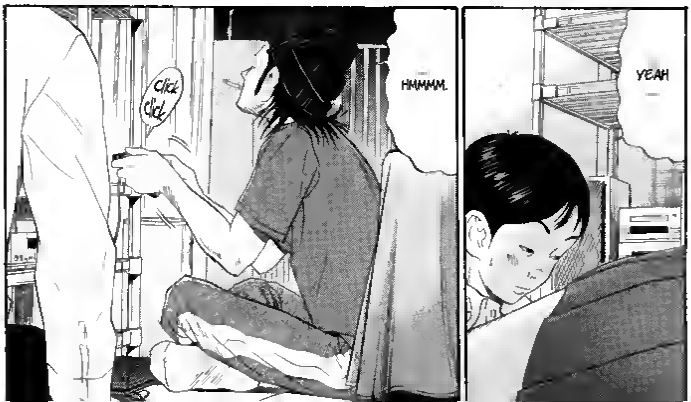
NO, CHECK THAT... EVEN IF WE END UP GETTING TO KEEP THE HOUSE, I'M NOT GONNA PAY HIM A GODDAMN YEN!!
NOW YOU TELL HIM! "WE DON'T HAVE ANYMORE MONEY! TRY SOMEONE ELSE!!"

The entire time you were flirting with your new GIRL-FRIEND!!
It's not because of what happened with the house, it was way before that! I'm a stronger person now, much stronger than I ever thought I could be!!
I changed entirely
This summer,
I'm a totally new person now, Og!!

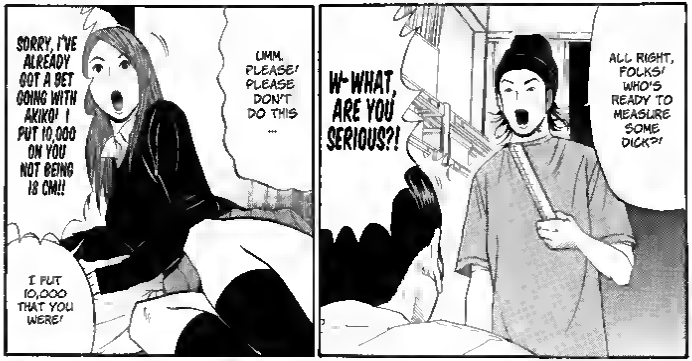

Anyways, just tell him "I have no money! Die, you worthless maggot!" bye!
click

2-3
HMMM-MMM.


SO?
HE'S NOT GONNA PAY ME ANYMORE MONEY?


HMMMM.
click click
YEAH

Ohhh...
Chug Chug
GOOD WORK, OGI BOY! AT YOUR EASE!
OH WELL.


SORRY, I'VE ALREADY GOT A BET GOING WITH AKIKO! I PUT 10,000 ON YOU NOT BEING 18 CM!!
I PUT 10,000 THAT YOU WERE!
UMM, PLEASE! PLEASE DON'T DO THIS ...
W-WHAT, ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
ALL RIGHT, FOLKS! WHO'S READY TO MEASURE SOME DICK?!

HELL YEAH! C'MON, EVERYBODY'S UNDIES OFF!!
NO WAY!! REALLY?!
COME ON NOW, AKI, NO PLAYING FAVORITES! YOU GOTTA SHOW IF YOU WANT TO SEE!!
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS?! YOU REALLY DON'T CARE, AS MY BOY-FRIEND?!
ABSO-LUTELY! OFF THEY GO!
WHO CARES ABOUT FAIRNESS? I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY DICKS!!
NOW, I'LL SHOW FIRST THAT WAY IT'S NICE AND FAIR, RIGHT?
HAHAHAHA, YOU GUYS ARE SO DUMB!

OH MY GOD!!!
IT'S HUGE!!!
NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO!!
WOW, OGINO. CAN I TAKE A PICTURE OF THIS WITH MY PHONE?
HAHA, AWESOME! CALL WAITING, OGI BOY'S COCK!
WAIT, NO, HOLD ON! YOU HAVE TO MEASURE IT FROM THE BASE!!
STOP, STOP, DON'T TOUCH IT!!
WAIT, IT'S NOT 18 CM THOUGH!! HELL YEAH, I WON!!
Akiko's...
I saw a girl's genitals ...
For the first time in my life,

Nagumo...
I had my penis measured by a pair of incon-siderate idiots...
It was terrifying ...
...I was yelled at by Takai today ...
I WON'T TOUCH MYSELF WHILE THINKING OF AKIKO'S JUNK...
NAGUMO I LOVE YOU...
MAYBE ...
And tomorrow, I will see my girlfriend ...

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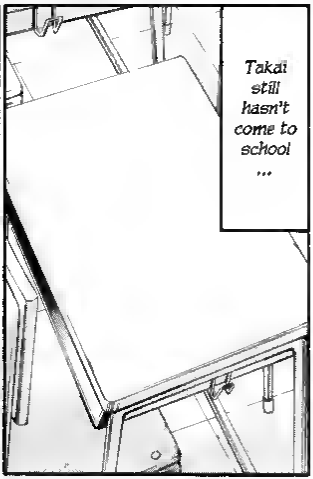
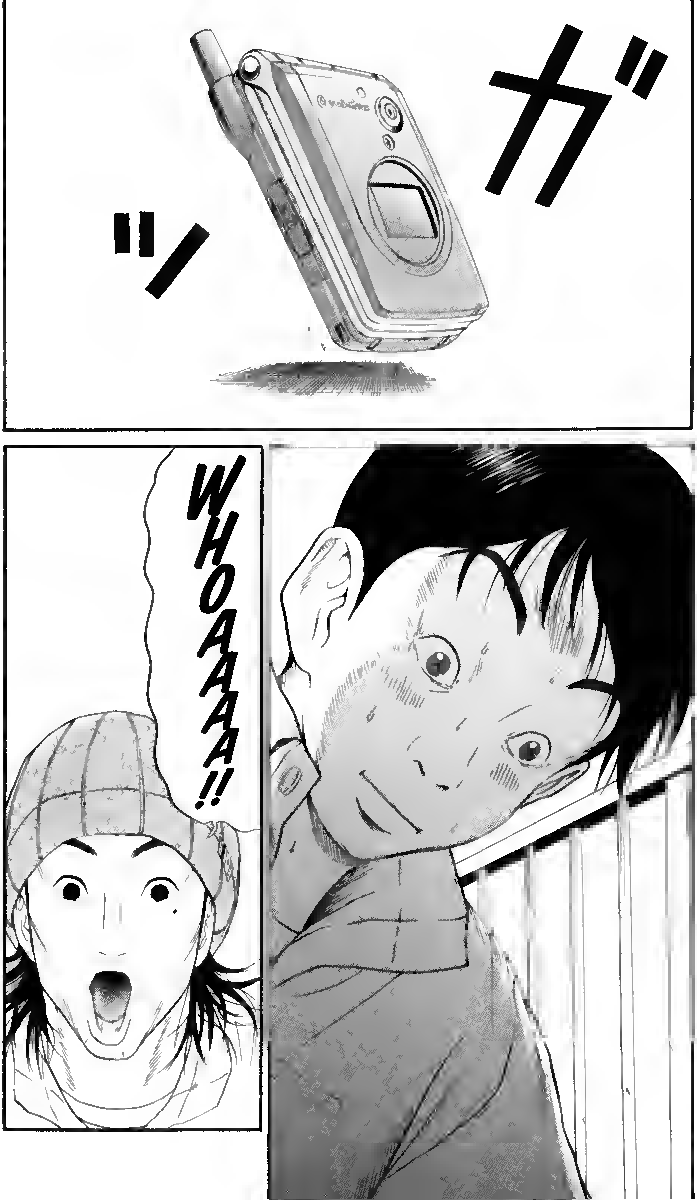
Chapter 16:
2nd Semester



But now it's clear...
At first I thought it was just my imagination...
Something is very wrong.
And that's Tanwaki.
He has stopped ...
hitting me.
WHAT'S WITH HIM...? DOES HIS HAND HURT..?
消火栓
...THREE WEEKS, WITHOUT HITTING ME. IT'S UNTHINKABLE...
Even in situations that he would obviously hit me before,
he's stopped hitting me.
OF COURSE, WITH ALL THE PENIS-MEASURING AND "IMITATE A BUMMED-OUT CATFISH THAT JUST GOT FISHED" ...
HE'S OTHERWISE STILL THE SAME AS BEFORE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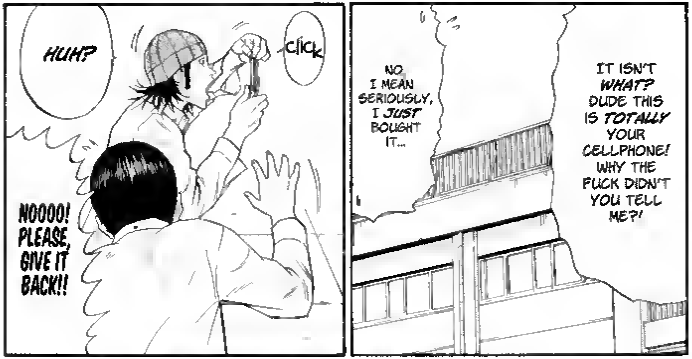
WHOAAAA!!

UH. NO, THIS ISN'T.. WELL..
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
WHAT'S THIS?! OGINO, HAVE YOU ALWAYS HAD A CELL-PHONE?

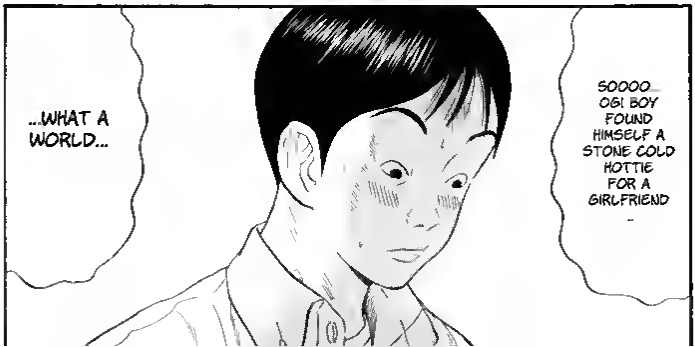

HUH?
CLICK
NOOOO! PLEASE, GIVE IT BACK!!
NO, I MEAN SERIOUSLY, I JUST BOUGHT IT...
IT ISN'T WHAT? DUDE THIS IS TOTALLY YOUR CELLPHONE! WHY THE FUCK DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?!

HUH?
WHO'S THIS?

DUDE, ARE YOU SERIOUS ?!!
WHAT THE HELL ARE ALL OF THESE PICTURES ?
click click
WHOA, WHOA, HANG ON!
OGI BOY!
IS THIS YOUR GIRLFRIEND ?!
...
YES

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS! SHE'S DYNAMITE !!
HOLY SHIT G!! THIS GIRL'S A NUMBA ONE STUNNA !!

WHEWWW... DAMN SERIOUSLY, I HAVEN'T BEEN THIS SHOCKED IN A LONG TIME...
JEEESUS MAN THERE ARE SOME CRAZY GIRLS OUT THERE.
UH. WELL...
WHEN?! HOW?! HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?! IT MUST HAVE BEEN A MIRACLE!!

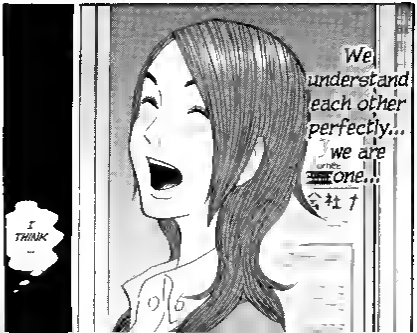

...WHAT A WORLD...
SOOOO... OG! BOY FOUND HIMSELF A STONE COLD HOTTIE FOR A GIRLFRIEND.

HUH?
WELL?
SHIP
WHEN YOU GONNA RETURN THE FAVOR?
UHH
WELL, WORK AT IT WE'LL GET THIS SQUARED WITHIN THE YEAR!
REMEMBER HOW I SHOWED YOU A BUNCH OF AKIKO'S?
WHEN YOU GONNA SHOW ME SOME NUDIE PICS?
Taniwaki got his first glimpse of Nagumo ...
I WAS CARELESS ...

I'm really disgusted with myself...
... this is distressing...
Nudie pics my ass...
Fuck that!!
... SHIT!!
ACK!!
FUCK THAT YOU'LL NEVER SEE ANY SUCH THING SO LONG AS I LIVE!!

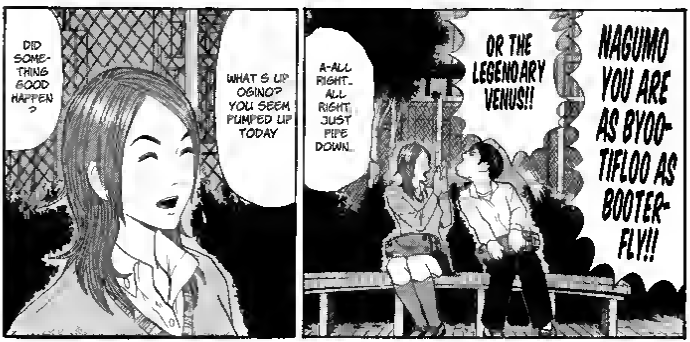
WHAT ARE YOU MUTTERING ABOUT?

Nagumo is my girlfriend ...


We understand each other perfectly... we are one...
I THINK ...

IT'S SO PRETTY
OOH, LOOK AT THE MOON TONIGHT

...
BUT NOT AS BYOOTIFUL AS YOU MY DEAR !!


DID SOMETHING GOOD HAPPEN ?
WHAT'S UP OGINO? YOU SEEM PUMPED UP TODAY
A-ALL RIGHT.. ALL RIGHT, JUST PIPE DOWN..
OR THE LEGENDARY VENUS!!
NAGUMO YOU ARE AS BYOOTIFLOO AS BOOTERFLY!!

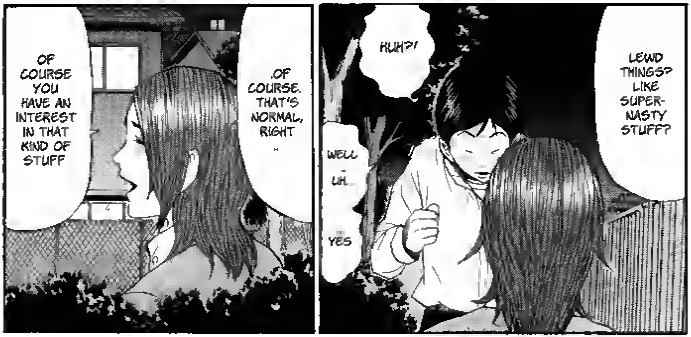
NAGUMO! I HAVE DECIDED THAT FROM NOW ON I WILL SAY WHATEVER COMES TO MIND! NO HESITATIONS! NO REGRETS!
ONLY TO YOU! LIKE A LITTLE KID!
BUT.. YOU ALWAYS DO THAT.. LIKE, NONSTOP
ACTUALLY, I'M KIND OF JEALOUS OF THAT
JEALOUS?! OF ME?!
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE GETTING A FREE RIDE INTO COLLEGE?!!
WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH IT?!
WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT! YOU SHOULD TELL ME ALL SORTS OF STUFF, TOO!! BA-BA-BAM !!
YOU KNOW WHY? BECAUSE I'M RETARDED, AND IF YOU LET ME RUN FREE, CRAZY SHIT'S GONNA HAPPEN!!
OK, I CAN IMAGINE.
GREAT! THEN I DECLARE TODAY TO BE THE DAY WHERE WE VOICE OUR COMPLAINTS TO EACH OTHER AND GET SOME STUFF OFF OUR CHESTS!!
WE'RE GONNA TAKE SOME RISKS, TO GET CLOSER THAN EVER!!
UHHH, DO WE REALLY HAVE TO?
GO OH, THEH! TELL ME WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT ME!
I'LL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO FIX THEM!!

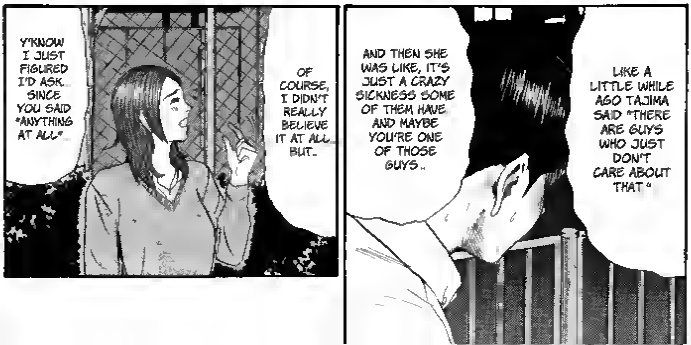
UHHH WHAT RIGHT ON THE SPOT? I CAN'T THINK OF ANY...
OH, THEY EXIST! THEY SURE DO! MY HEAD'S TOO BIG, I'M A TOTAL PUSSY! ANYTHING YOU CAN THINK OF!!
HMMM, COMPLAINTS OR PROBLEMS HUH?
LET'S SEE COMPLAINTS COMPLAINTS
MMMMM-MMM
ANA! WHAT IT IS? TELL ME, TELL ME!
OH!
NL... NO... NEVER MIND
NO NO NO! OUT WITH IT! NO SECRETS, LAY IT ALL BARE!
YOU CAN DO IT, NAGUMO!! COME ON... SCALE THAT WALL!
WHAT IS IT?! TELL ME!
N-NO I'D RATHER NOT...
SORRY, FORGET IT
OH NO YOU DON'T! SAY IT! SAY IT, DAMN YOU!

PLEASE, NAGUMO! I WANT TO GET CLOSER TO YOU!! I WANT TO UNDERSTAND YOU MORE! THIS IS WHAT TODAY IS FOR!!
PLEASE! FOR MY SAKE, IF NOTHING ELSE!!
...
HMMM ...?
...NO. IT'S REALLY NOTHING SERIOUS
...ALL RIGHT, I'M SORRY... LET'S DO THIS ANOTHER TIME...
NOOOOO!!!
FORGET ABOUT ME! WHAT ABOUT YOU? DON'T YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH ME?!
NONE AT ALL! GO ON THEN! I CAN'T GO HOME UNTIL YOU TELL ME!! I'LL FREEZE!!!
FINE, FINE, ALL RIGHT... GEEZ. HERE WE GO!

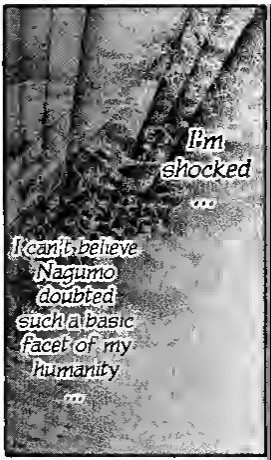
DON'T YOU EVER... YOU KNOW... FEEL LIKE KISSING ME?
...I JUST THOUGHT ...
HUH?
NO NO NO, JUST WAIT, HOLD ON... UMMM.
THIS ISN'T FAIR OGINO! DAMMIT I KNEW I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID IT! ...ALL RIGHT, THIS TOPIC IS OVER!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WHY?! I JUST SCALED THE WALL FOR YOU!! DON'T GET COLD FEET ON ME NOW!!
...
WHY?

EVERY DAY, EVERY SINGLE DAY I THINK ABOUT THAT AND EVEN MORE LEWD AND LASCIVIOUS THINGS!!
U- UMM, OF COURSE I DO!! YOU BET I WANT TO!!


LEWD THINGS? LIKE SUPER-NASTY STUFF?
HUH?!
WELL... UH... YES
..OF COURSE. THAT'S NORMAL, RIGHT..
OF COURSE YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN THAT KIND OF STUFF

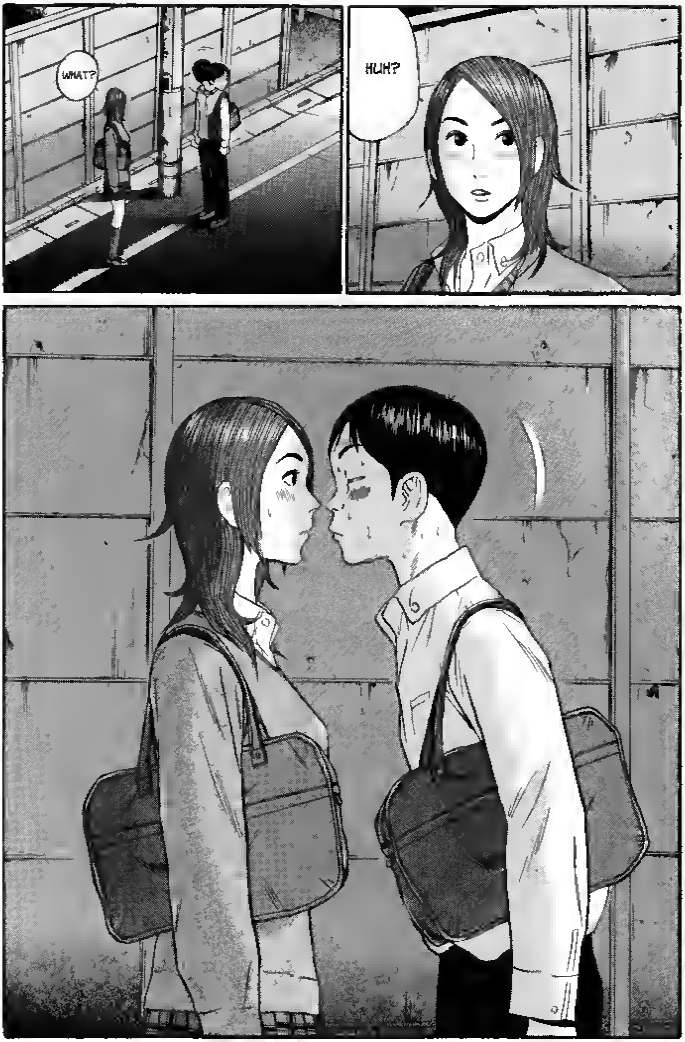

LIKE A LITTLE WHILE AGO TAJIMA SAID "THERE ARE GUYS WHO JUST DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT."
AND THEN SHE WAS LIKE, IT'S JUST A CRAZY SICKNESS SOME OF THEM HAVE AND MAYBE YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE GUYS..
OF COURSE, I DIDN'T REALLY BELIEVE IT AT ALL BUT..
Y'KNOW I JUST FIGURED I'D ASK.. SINCE YOU SAID "ANYTHING AT ALL."

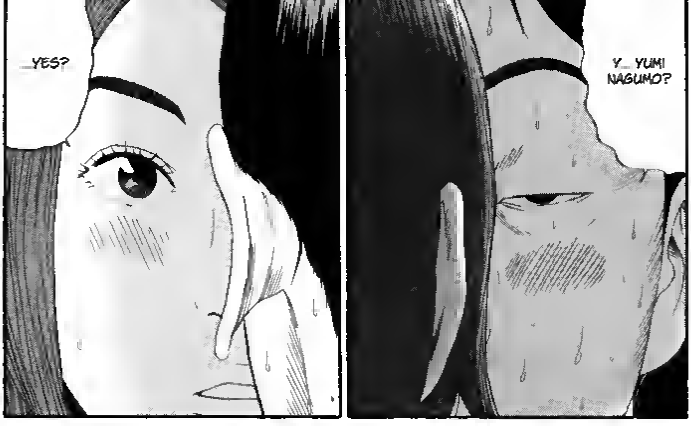
Wh...
Whaaaaaat?!

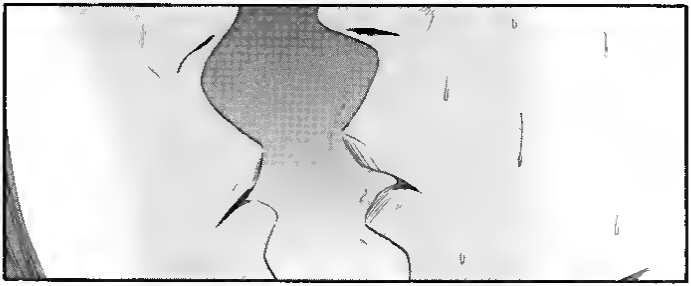

I'm shocked ...
I can't believe Nagumo doubted such a basic facet of my humanity ...

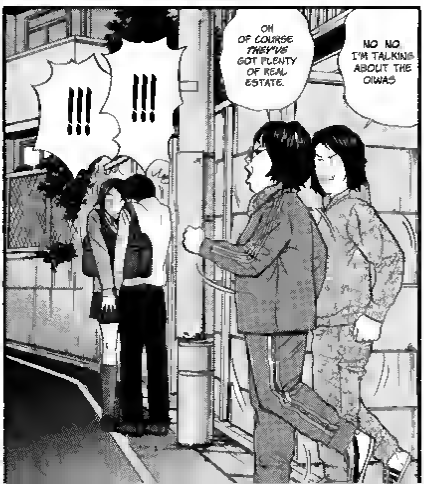
Is that a challenge aimed at me?
As a man?
As a human being?

...
I'm really shocked ...
...AHHH CRAP... HE'S REALLY UPSET ...
WHAT SHOULD I DO ? I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID IT..
N...
NAGUMO?


WHAT?
HUH?







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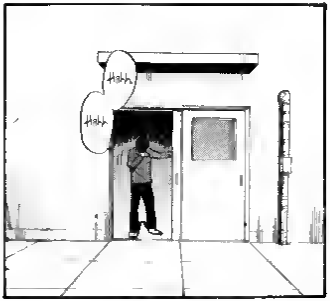
Bully Time Over


Hahh
Hahh

Huuu
Huuu
Whoop
Whoop

HEEEEY, OGI BOY!
WHAT THE SHIT, YOU'RE LATE!

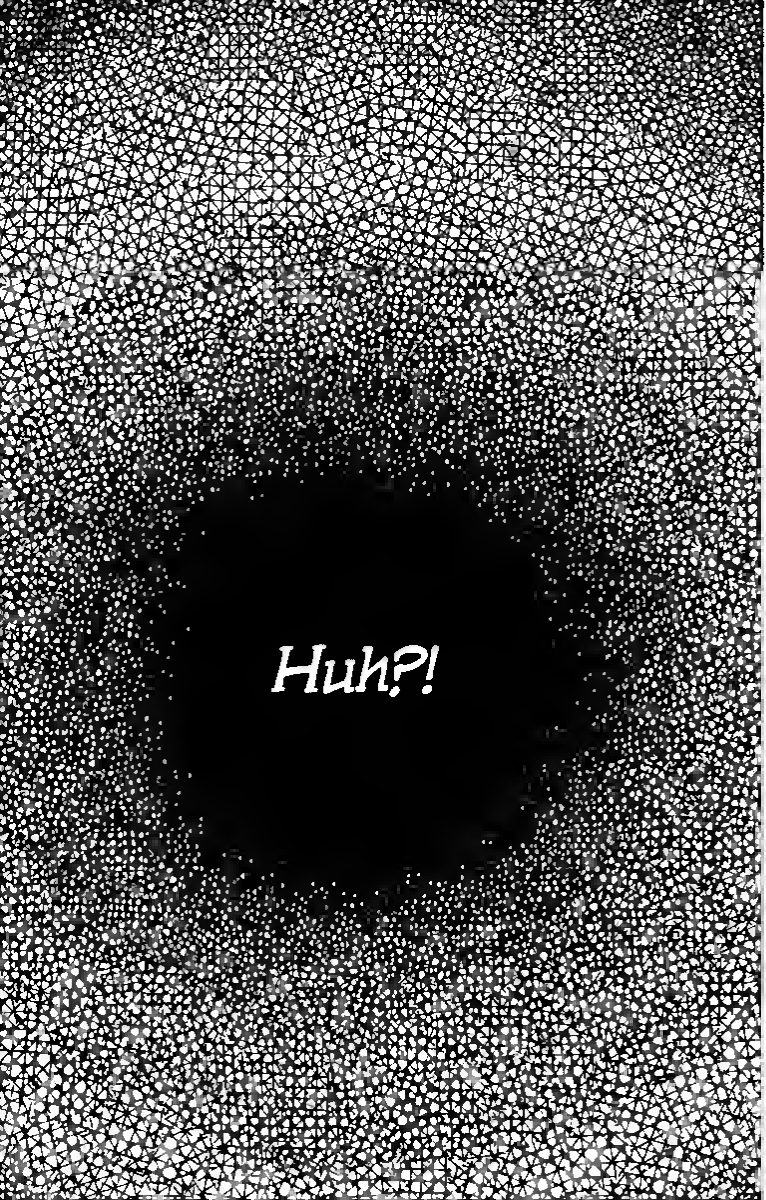
NINETY MINS...
GYAAAA!!
HUH?

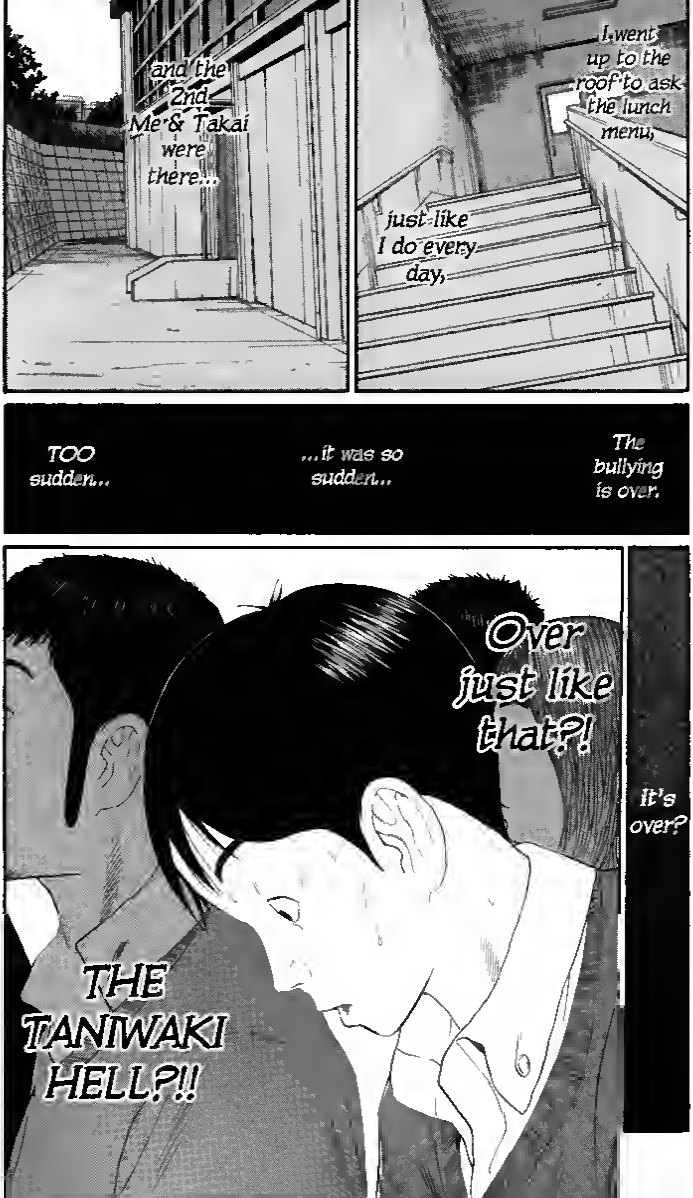
IT'S GOOD! I ALREADY ASKED THEM.
HUH?
UMMM, WHAT'S FOR LUNCH TODAY?

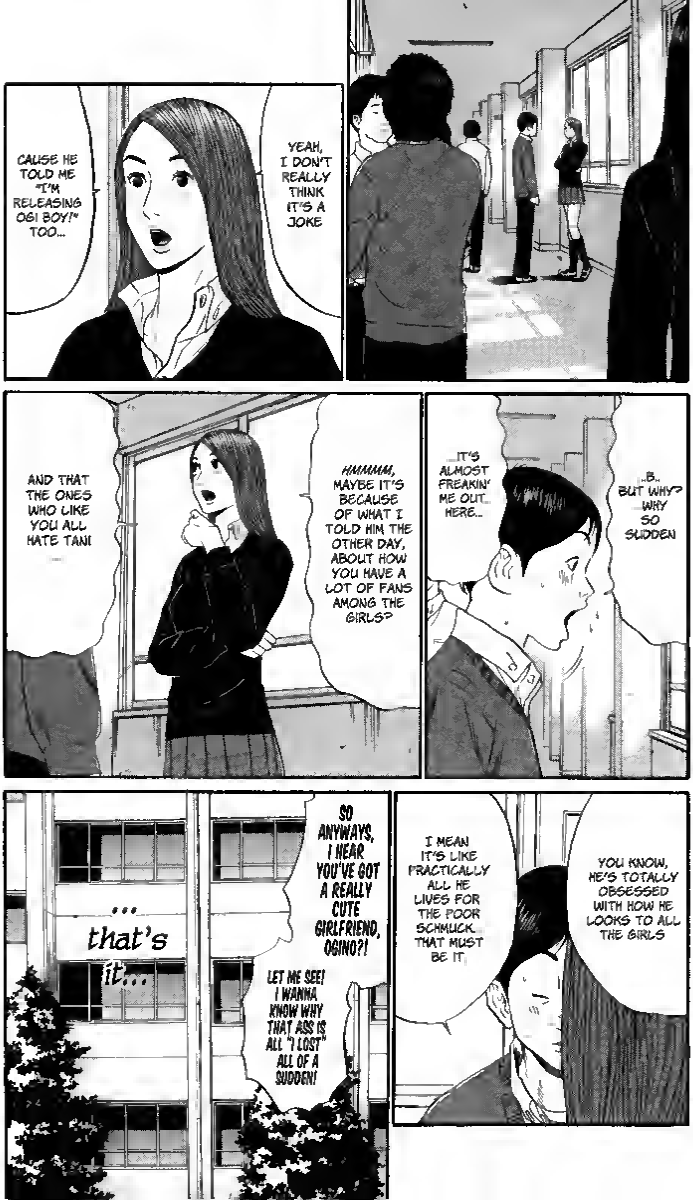
HUH?
...WHO ARE THOSE TWO?

HEY YAMAMOTO! YOU'RE GONNA LEARN THE ROPES FROM HIM NOW! YOU BETTER MASTER ALL THE TANIWAKI RULES!
OK
AND GET *THIS*, OGI BOY! KISHIBE'S FAMILY, HERE? KISHIBE'S FAMILY IS SUPER *SUPER* SUPER RICH! THEY GOT 2-3 PACHINKO HALLS, ARCADE, BOWLING ALLEY
WHAT ELSE?!
A.. A HEALTH GYM. AND SOME KARAOKE BOXES...
WOW
ISN'T HIS FAMILY YAKUZA, THEN?
SEE?! ISN'T THAT *INSANE*?! TAKAI AIN'T GOT *NOTHIN'* ON HIM! THIS GUY GOT 500,000 YEN FOR NEW YEAR'S MONEY!!
MAN WHAT A GREAT SURPRISE... TO FIND OUT PEOPLE THIS AWESOME HAVE BEEN IN YOUR CLASS ALL ALONG!
I HAD LITERALLY NO IDEA... IT WAS ALMOST AS SHOCKING AS YOUR GIRLFRIEND!

I DON'T NEED YOU ANYMORE! YOU ARE FREE
THIS IS MY NEW ADMINISTRATION
YOU'RE ALL DONE, OGI BOY
HUH?
YOU CAN TELL TAKAI THE SAME!
THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!
NO, WAIT, THERE'S STILL A BIT LEFT YOU GOTTA TRAIN YAMAMOTO... THEN YOU'VE PASSED
Huh?


Huh?!


and the 2nd Me & Takai were there...
I went up to the roof to ask the lunch menu,
just like I do every day,
TOO sudden...
...it was so sudden...
The bullying is over.
THE TANIWAKI HELL?!!
Over just like that?!
It's over?


YEAH, I DON'T REALLY THINK IT'S A JOKE
CAUSE HE TOLD ME "I'M RELEASING OGI BOY!" TOO...
...B... BUT WHY? WHY SO SUDDEN
...IT'S ALMOST FREAKIN' ME OUT... HERE...
HMMMM, MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE OF WHAT I TOLD HIM THE OTHER DAY, ABOUT HOW YOU HAVE A LOT OF FANS AMONG THE GIRLS?
AND THAT THE ONES WHO LIKE YOU ALL HATE TAN!
YOU KNOW, HE'S TOTALLY OBSESSED WITH HOW HE LOOKS TO ALL THE GIRLS
I MEAN IT'S LIKE FRACTICALLY ALL HE LIVES FOR THE POOR SCHMUCK... THAT MUST BE IT.
SO ANYWAYS, I HEAR YOU'VE GOT A REALLY CUTE GIRLFRIEND, OGINO?!
LET ME SEE! I WANNA KNOW WHY THAT ASS IS ALL "I LOST" ALL OF A SUDDEN!
...that's it...

What was that year and a half of terrible anxiety and suffering for??
What the hell...
That's why it's over?

WHY ?!!
REALLY ?!

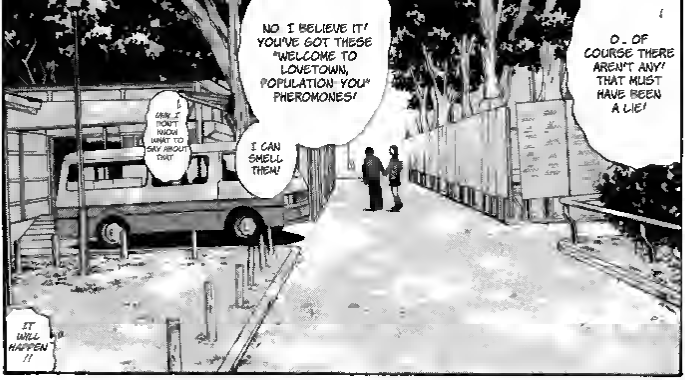
I DON'T KNOW... I GUESS THERE ARE A COUPLE GIRLS WHO LIKE ME... AND HE DOESN'T WANT THEM TO HATE AZM...
I DON'T REALLY GET THE SITUATION. BUT IT'S OVER, APPARENTLY.
REALLY?! IT'S REALLY ALL OVER, THEN?!
YEAH I THINK SO
WOWWWW!! THAT'S SO GREAT, OGINO, I'M SO HAPPY FOR YOU!!
THAT MEANS WE CAN MEET MORE OFTEN, DOESN'T IT?!
YEAH... BUT I'M NOT SURE I BELIEVE IT 100% YET
I'M JUST TERRIFIED OF FINDING OUT IT'S GONNA START ALL OVER AGAIN...
WELL, IT'S GOOD FOR NOW, RIGHT? YOU WON'T JUST NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE IT OUT?
YEAH... I THINK.

This Saturday, ...
Nagumo is coming to my house...
I didn't like the idea,
but she really wanted to see my family and my room,
so that's the plan...
That's right.
That will be the day.

I will plant the kiss!!
On her way home that day,

GOING!!
I AM!!
I'm serious! It's solid! This plan is not changing!! If it fails, my entire family will be put to death!! Godzilla can rise from Tokyo Bay! Mothra can attack! It don't matter!!
TO SMACK HER RIGHT ON THE LIPS!!!

DO THEY LIKE, HANG ALL OVER YOU EVERY DAY?
I SAID ARE THERE A LOT OF THESE GIRLS AT YOUR SCHOOL WHO LIKE YOU?
WHAT ?!!
HEY ARE YOU LISTENING?!


NO. I BELIEVE IT! YOU'VE GOT THESE "WELCOME TO LOVETOWN, POPULATION YOU" PHEROMONES!
I CAN SMELL THEM!
O..OF COURSE THERE AREN'T ANY! THAT MUST HAVE BEEN A LIE!
I, UHH, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY ABOUT THAT
IT WILL HAPPEN !!

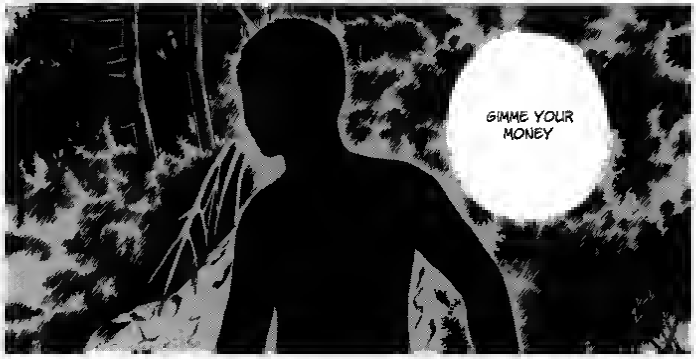
WHAT, ARE YOU SERIOUS ?!
WELL, AKIKO. GOOD-NIGHT!
WOW I SHOULD HAVE WORN A JACKET.
BRRRR, IT'S FREEZING!
ARE YOU SERIOUS? OH MY GOD, YOU ARE SUCH AN ASS-HOLE!
LOOK, YOU CAN RIDE MY BIKE. THEN I'LL GIVE YOU MY JACKET AND A SCARF!! PLEASE!
FUCK YOU! WALK ME TO THE STATION!
SERIOUSLY. I CAN'T DO THIS!
YOU DO IT!!
JUST TURN THAT PART THERE.
LOOK, THE SEAT'S TOO HIGH. LOWER IT.

GOD, YOU ARE SUCH A MONUMENTAL ASSHOLE PRICK DOUCHEBAG!!
FUCK YOU UP THE ASS WITH A DILDO!!
GOODNIGHT, LOVE YOU TOO
Bzzz
FUCK!

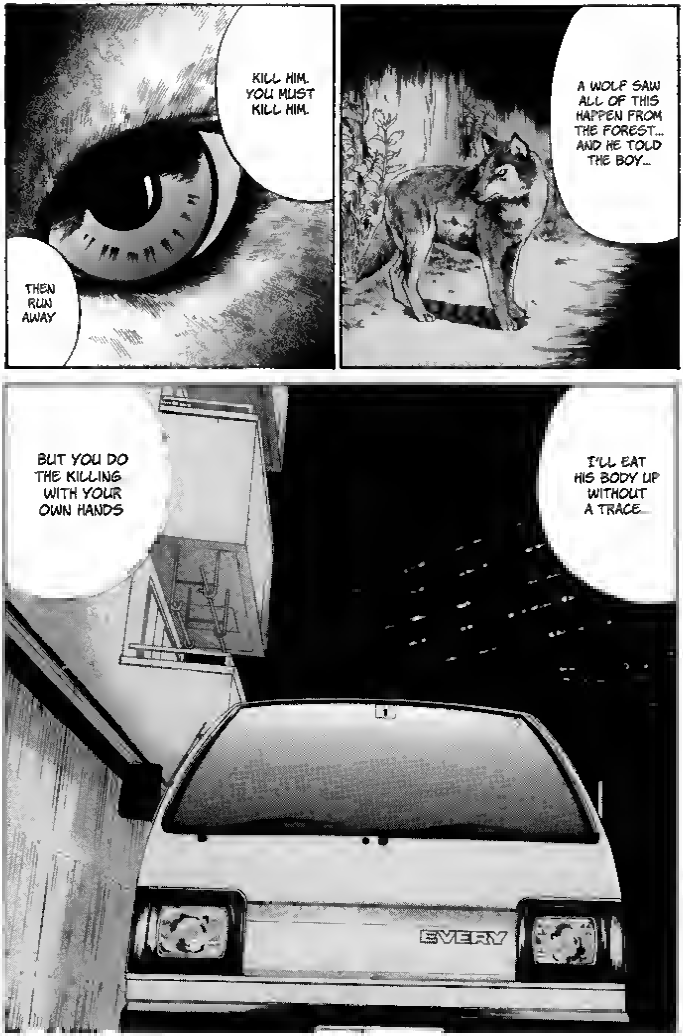
IT'S OFF
HUH?
..I'M CALLING IT OFF TODAY

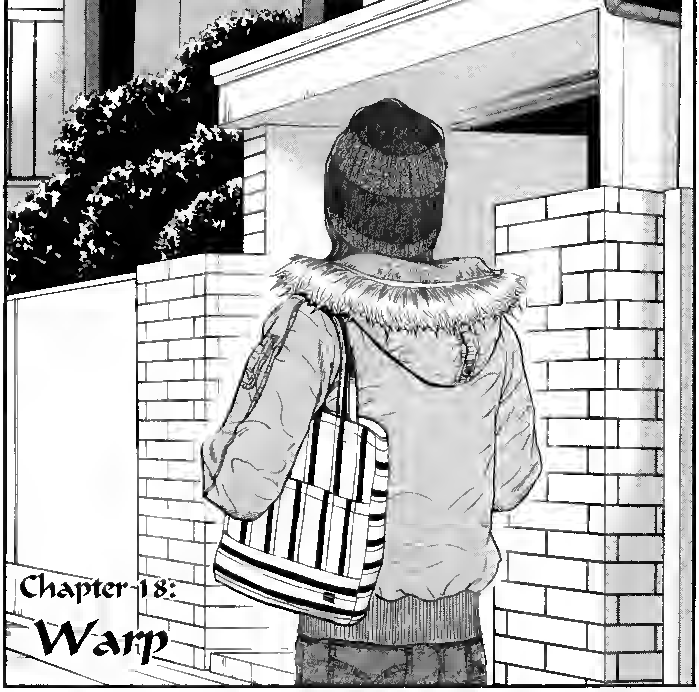
SHE'S ON A BIKE...
...IT'S NOT LIKE WE PLANNED
NOT WALKING
EVERY
IT'LL MAKE NOISE AND LEAVE EVIDENCE
...CAN'T DO IT TODAY...
...
YOU'RE RIGHT
...

...ONCE THERE WAS A BOY WHO WORKED 17 HOURS A DAY JUST TO BARELY KEEP HIS FAMILY FED.. AND ONE DAY AN IDIOT CAME TO HIM.
THIS IDIOT TOLD THE BOY...


GIMME YOUR MONEY

AND THEN HE CRIED..
THE BOY LAUGHED HE LAUGHED AND LAUGHED


KILL HIM.
YOU MUST
KILL HIM.
THEN
RUN
AWAY
A WOLF SAW
ALL OF THIS
HAPPEN FROM
THE FOREST...
AND HE TOLD
THE BOY...
BUT YOU DO
THE KILLING
WITH YOUR
OWN HANDS
I'LL EAT
HIS BODY UP
WITHOUT
A TRACE...
EVERY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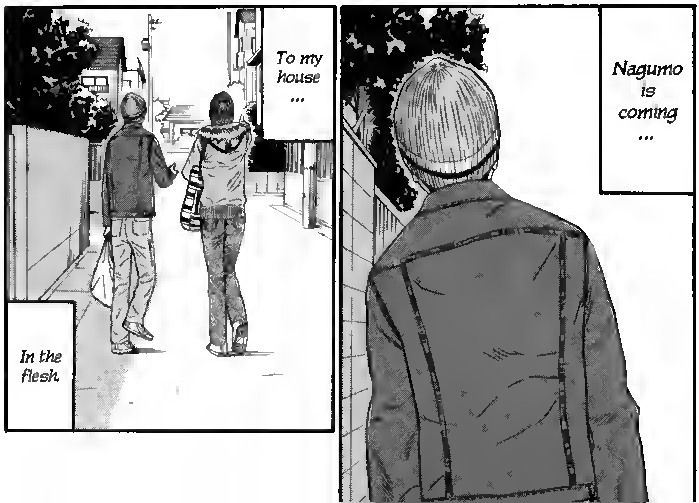
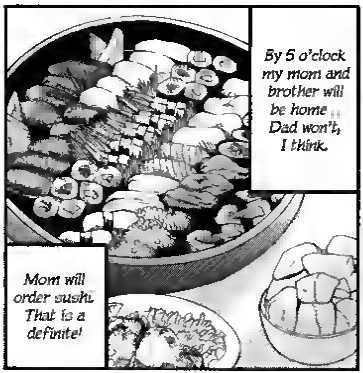
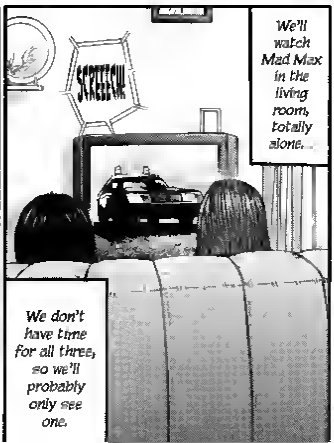

To my house ...
In the flesh.
Nagumo is coming ...

...
...FIRST...
With DVDs of all three Mad Max films!

After that, I take my brother's PS2 from his room while he's at practice!
I must take ultra pains to put it back exactly as it was before he gets home!

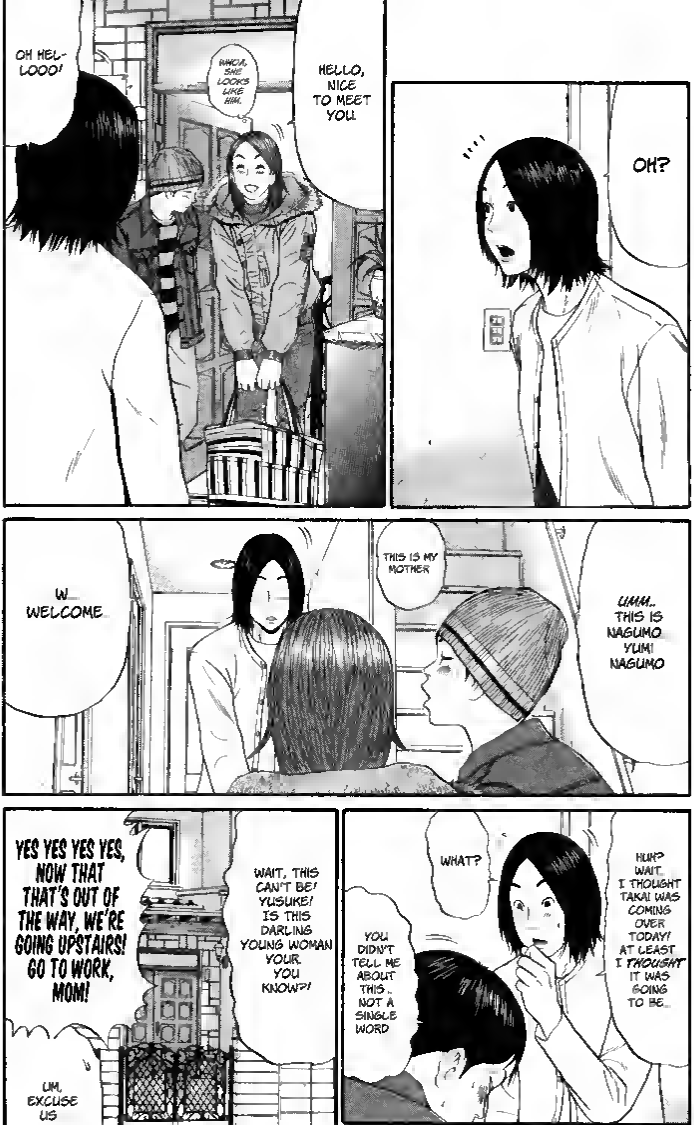
WELCOME, WELCOME!
PARDON ME
...first we must quickly get past my Mom and up the stairs.
Then my Mom has to go to work... no time for blabbing!


By 5 o'clock my mom and brother will be home... Dad won't, I think.
Mom will order sushi. That is a definite!


SCRITCH
We'll watch Mad Max in the living room, totally alone...
We don't have time for all three, so we'll probably only see one.

I'll walk her back.
We'll all relax and eat the sushi, hang around., then Nagumo will say "I'd better get going."
It's dark outside.
We're at the corner right outside the Kato's house.
THAT'S IT!!
I WILL MAKE MY MOVE!!!
THAT IS WHERE, AS A MAN—! NO, AS A HUMAN BEING!!

AND NOW I'M FREAKIN' OUT
...OH SHOOT THIS WAS ALL MY IDEA, TO COME TO YOUR HOUSE
HUH ?!
OOOOH, CRAP CRAP CRAP
TH... THIS'LL WORK
YES... I DID, TECHNI-CALLY
YOU DID TELL HER THAT I WAS COMING AND ALL
N-NO IT'S PERFECTLY COOL. NO PROBLEM AT ALL
HEY, IS THIS LOOK GONNA CUT IT? IS YOUR MOM GONNA FREAK OUT BECAUSE I HAVE BROWN HAIR, AND NOT LET ME IN?
I'M HOOOME!


OH HEL-LOOO!
WHOA, SHE LOOKS LIKE HIM.
HELLO, NICE TO MEET YOU.
OH?
W... WELCOME
THIS IS MY MOTHER
UMM.. THIS IS NAGUMO YUMI NAGUMO
YES YES YES YES, NOW THAT THAT'S OUT OF THE WAY, WE'RE GOING UPSTAIRS! GO TO WORK, MOM!
WAIT, THIS CAN'T BE! YUSUKE! IS THIS DARLING YOUNG WOMAN YOUR... YOU KNOW?!
UM, EXCUSE US
WHAT?
YOU DIDN'T TELL ME ABOUT THIS.. NOT A SINGLE WORD
HUH? WAIT.. I THOUGHT TAKAI WAS COMING OVER TODAY! AT LEAST I *THOUGHT* IT WAS GOING TO BE...

ALL RIGHT, LET'S GET A LOOK AT THE GOODS
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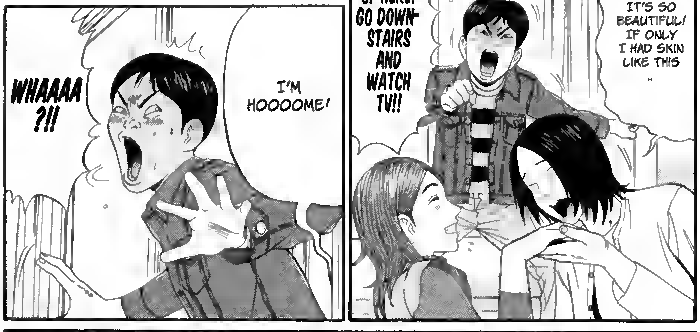
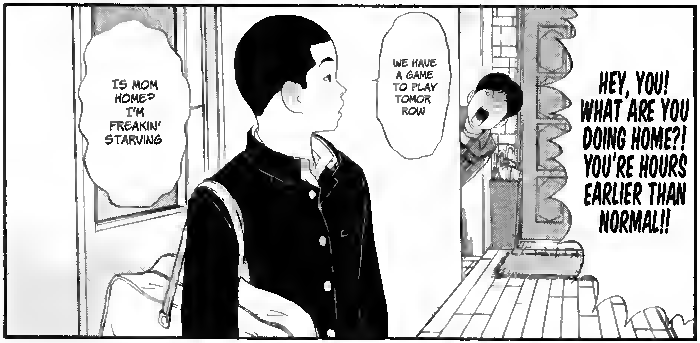
ALL RIGHT. SO YOU ONLY TOLD HER A FRIEND WAS COMING OVER TODAY!
HERE WE GO, END OF THE HALLWAY! MY ROOM'S AT THE BACK!
OOOOH, THIS IS PRETTY SPACIOUS!

Nagumo standing
in my room.
WHOA ...
WHAT A SURREAL SIGHT..
Is inside my room ...
But now the girl I would glimpse at driving school... the one who made every day all right...
Yes, time has passed... we've grown close...
..I FORGOT TO BRING MAD MAX
HUH?! WHAT?! WHAT'S WRONG ?!
AAAH !!

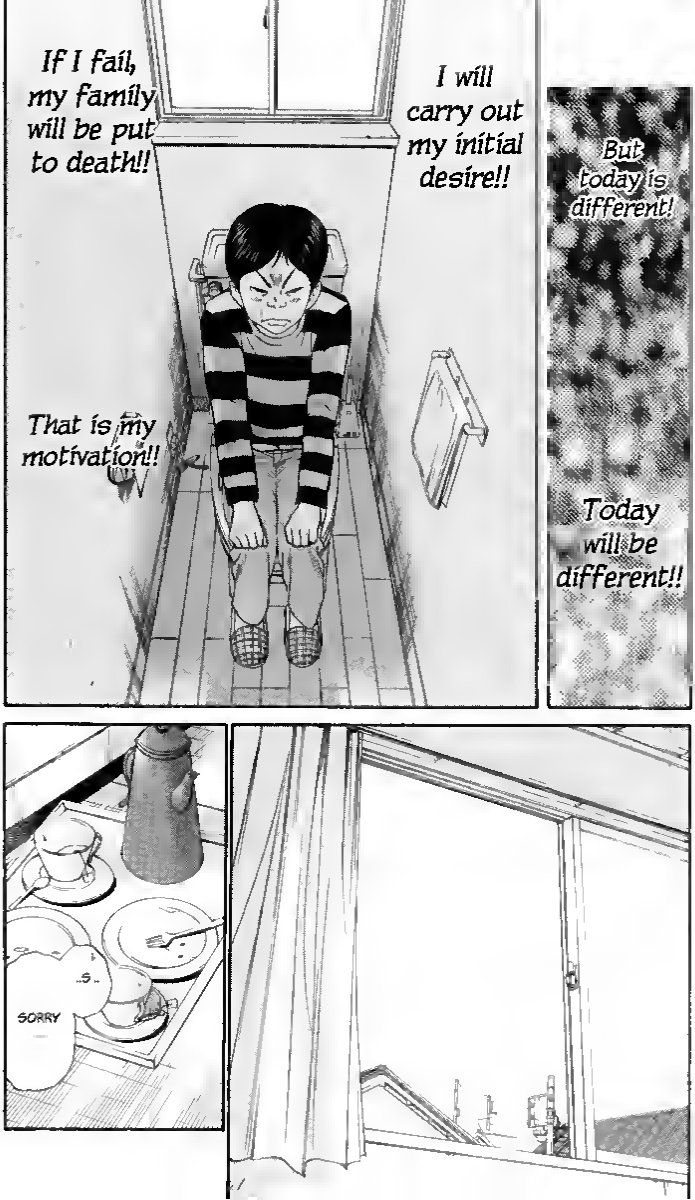
DAMN! THEN THE SCHEDULE WON'T FIT!
S-SHOULD I RUN TO THE VIDEO STORE AND RENT IT?!
UHMMM... LET'S JUST DO THAT ANOTHER TIME.
WELL... CHANGE OF PLANS.
AHHHH NOOO I TOTALLY PUT IT RIGHT BY THE DOOR SO I WOULDN'T FORGET
I MADE SOME TEA!
YES?!
KNOCK KNOCK
HERE YOU ARE DEAR.
OH, THANK YOU.
CHANGE OF PLANS! CHANGE OF PLANS! ADJUST THE SCHEDULE!
I HAVE WORK OFF TODAY I'M GOING IN TOMORROW
BUT... WHY?! IT'S ALREADY PAST NOON! DON'T YOU HAVE TO GO TO WORK?!
WHAT ?!!


OH MY GOD LOOK AT YOUR SKIN! IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL! IF ONLY I HAD SKIN LIKE THIS
HEY! HEY, YOU GET OUT OF HERE! GO DOWN-STAIRS AND WATCH TV!!
I'M HOOOOME!
WHAAAA ?!!


HEY, YOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HOME?! YOU'RE HOURS EARLIER THAN NORMAL!!
WE HAVE A GAME TO PLAY TOMOR ROW
IS MOM HOME? I'M FREAKIN' STARVING

The old me would have proudly said "Today is off" and backed out on it all...
Canceled
Canceled
Canceled

AAAAAAHH! IT'S ALL RUINED!!
THEY'RE SHOT TO HELL!!
ALL OF MY INITIAL PLANS!


If I fail, my family will be put to death!!
I will carry out my initial desire!!
That is my motivation!!
But today is different!
Today will be different!!
...S...
SORRY

I MEAN, THAT THERE'S NOTHING TO DO IN MY ROOM.
I'LL TAKE HER DOWNSTAIRS TO WATCH TV... BUT MOM'S THERE...
AND SHE SUCKS...
HUH?
ABOUT WHAT?
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YOU'RE THE ONE RUNNING WITH THE RED STOMACH-BAND RIGHT?
IT'S NOT SO BAD ANYWAYS, WHO'S THIS?
trying to pick up every bit of our conversation he can...
My idiot brother is listening in
Just beyond my super-thin wall...
... I can tell...

HUH?
SHHHHHH!!
HEY IS YOUR LITTLE BROTHER HOME YET? I WANNA MEET HIM!
KOHEI, YOU LITTLE CREEP! STOP EAVESDROPPING ON US, YOU TURD!
S-SHUT UP, I'M NOT! YOU ASSFACE!!
HMMMM.. SOOOO
WHAT DO YOU THINK? SHOULD WE GO OUTSIDE?
SIGHHHH.. THIS ISN'T WORKING
IT'S OK, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT

SO THIS IS YOUR MOST RELAXING PLACE IN THE WORLD HUH?
SIGHH... OH MAN...
RIGHT TIME IS AN ETERNITY AWAY
HUH? YES
...UMM, I SUPPOSE?
SO YOU'RE IN YOUR MOST RELAXING SPOT IN THE WORLD
WITH YOUR FAVORITE PERSON IN THE WORLD RIGHT NOW?
ER...
I GUESS
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PULL ME UP
HAHAHA... I SEEEE
...NAGUMO SEEMS REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THIS.
HUHH! WHAT A TERRIBLE MISTAKE IT IS...
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HUH?
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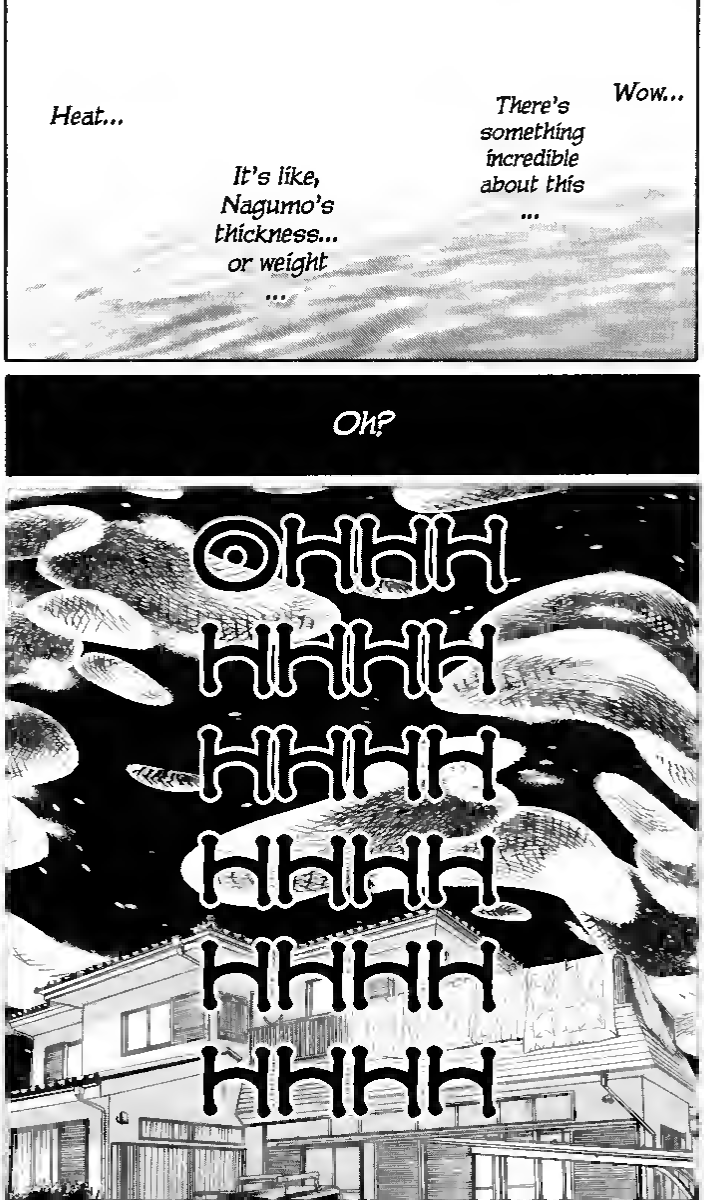
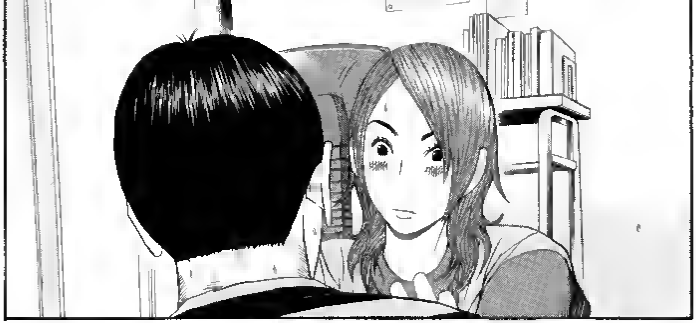
WHOAAA
...


Heat...
It's like, Nagumo's thickness... or weight ...
There's something incredible about this ...
Wow...
Oh?
OHHH HHHH HHHH HHHH HHHH HHHH

snap
W-
wait...



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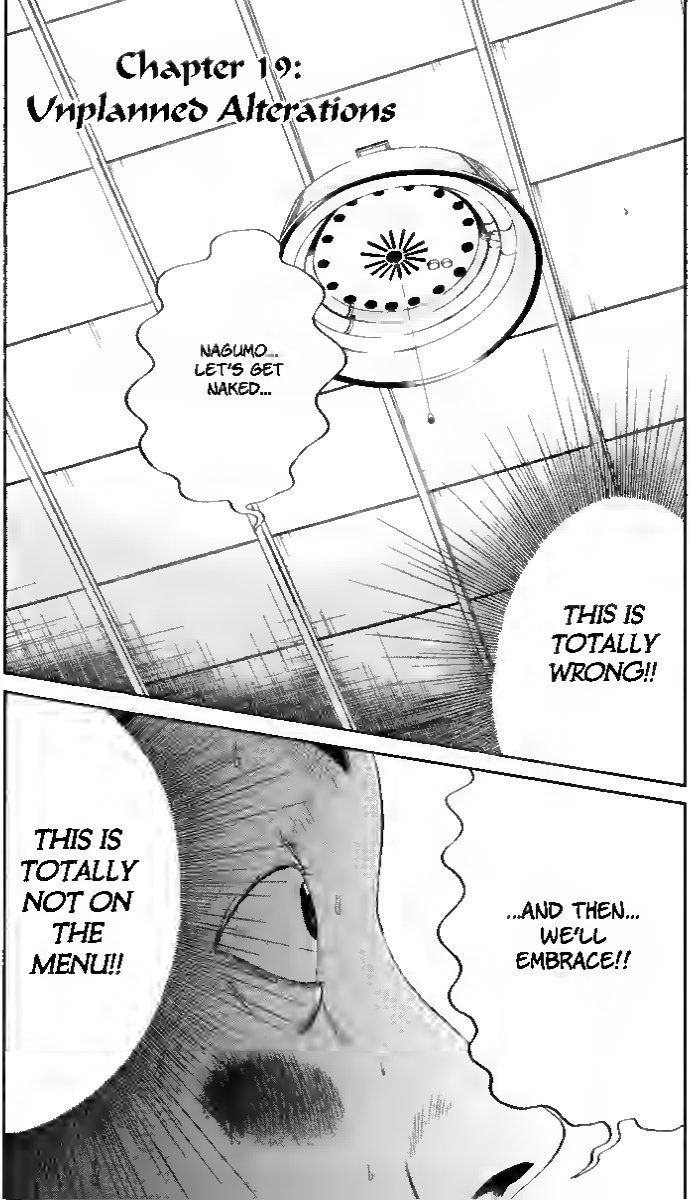
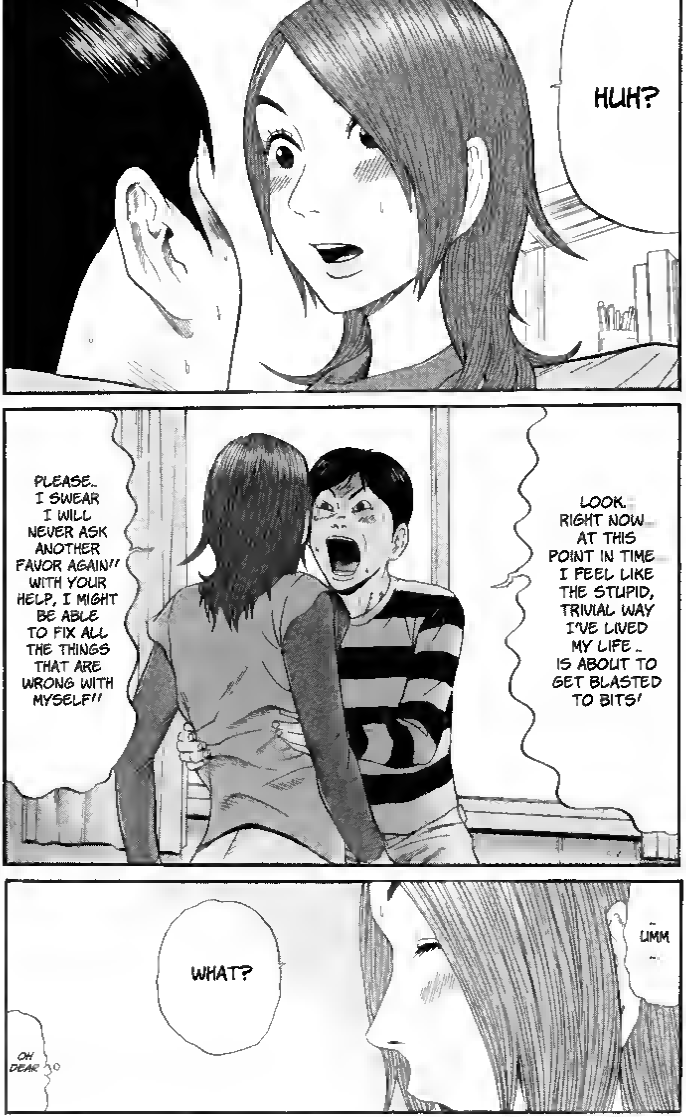
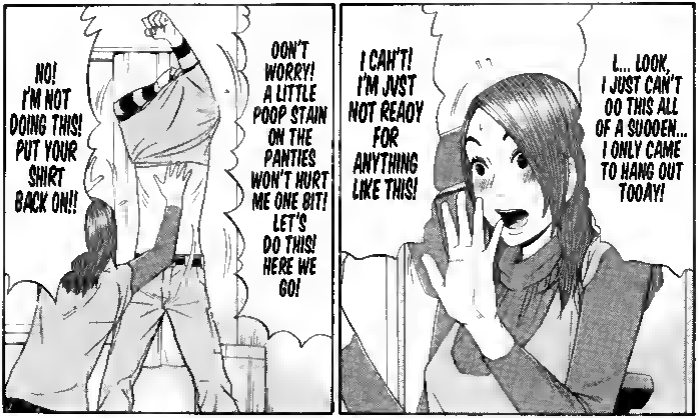
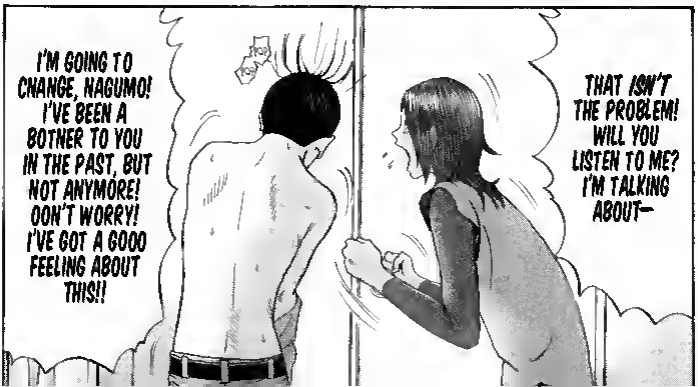



HUH?
LOOK... RIGHT NOW... AT THIS POINT IN TIME... I FEEL LIKE THE STUPID, TRIVIAL WAY I'VE LIVED MY LIFE... IS ABOUT TO GET BLASTED TO BITS!
PLEASE... I SWEAR I WILL NEVER ASK ANOTHER FAVOR AGAIN!! WITH YOUR HELP, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIX ALL THE THINGS THAT ARE WRONG WITH MYSELF!!
...UMM...
WHAT?
OH DEAR

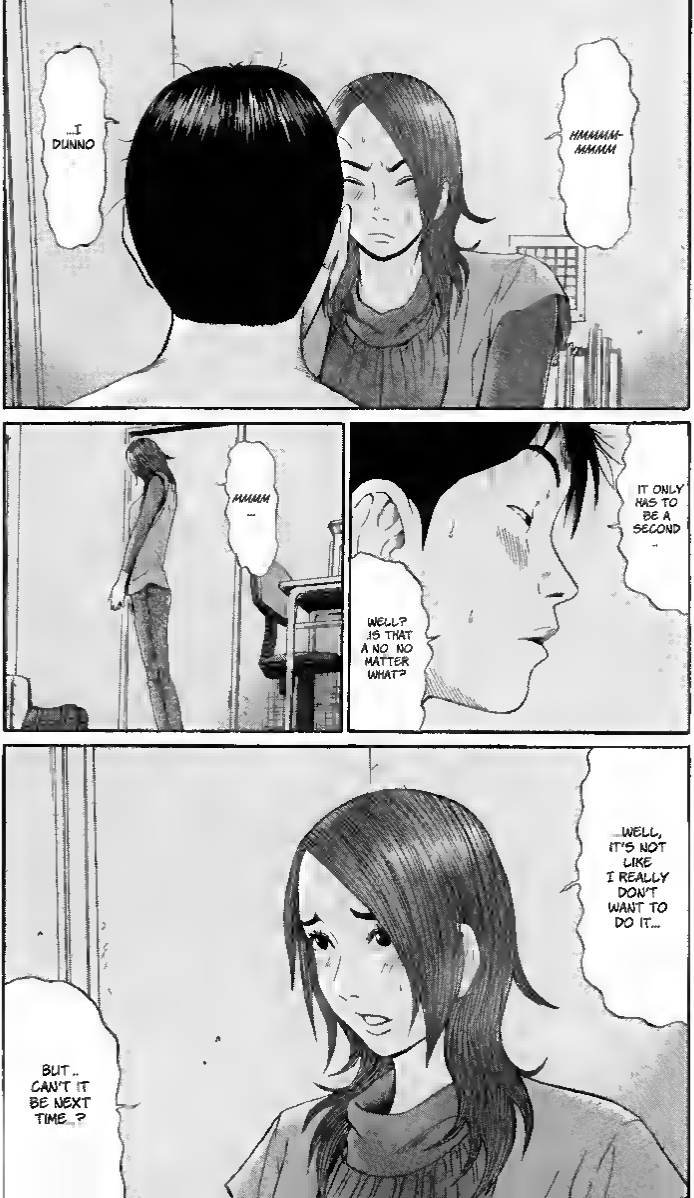
PLEASE! THIS IS IT! THIS IS WHAT I NEED! JUST FOR AN INSTANT! I'LL PUT ON A BLINDFOLD IF IT HELPS!!
Thumpa thumpa
N- NO, NAGUMO! I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT HAVING SEX! IT'S NOT THAT!!
SHHHHH! BRING YOUR VOICE DOWN!!


NO! I'M NOT DOING THIS! PUT YOUR SHIRT BACK ON!!
DON'T WORRY! A LITTLE POOP STAIN ON THE PANTIES WON'T HURT ME ONE BIT! LET'S DO THIS! HERE WE GO!
I CAN'T! I'M JUST NOT READY FOR ANYTHING LIKE THIS!
I... LOOK, I JUST CAN'T DO THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN... I ONLY CAME TO HANG OUT TODAY!

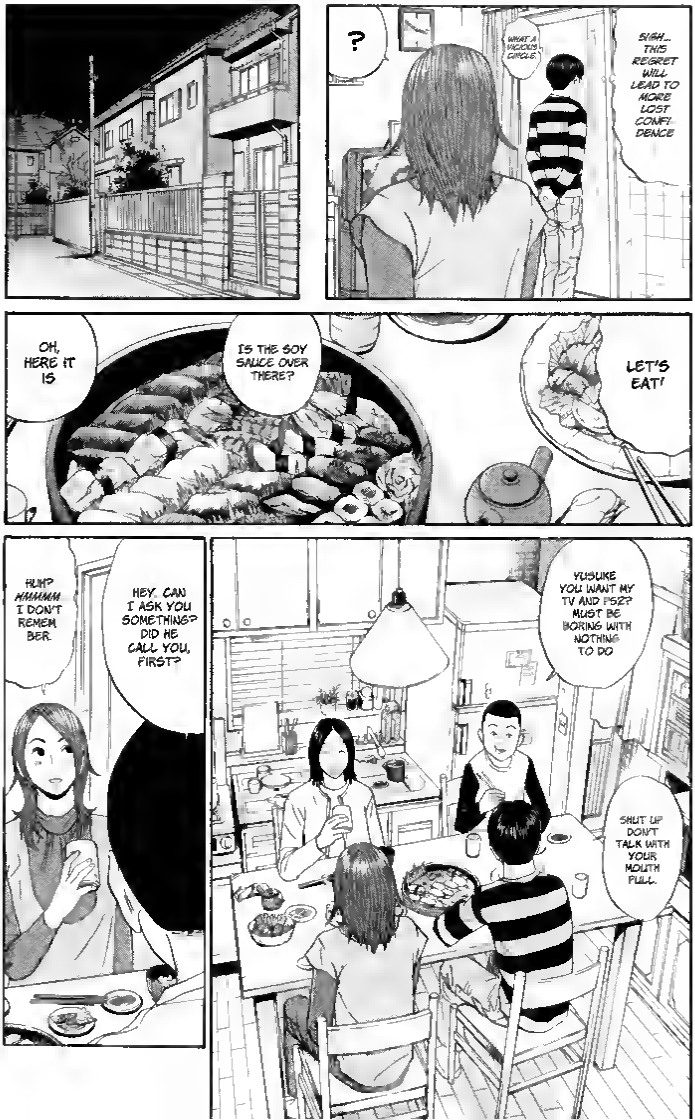

I'M GOING TO CHANGE, NAGUMO! I'VE BEEN A BOTHER TO YOU IN THE PAST, BUT NOT ANYMORE! DON'T WORRY! I'VE GOT A GOOD FEELING ABOUT THIS!!
THAT ISN'T THE PROBLEM! WILL YOU LISTEN TO ME? I'M TALKING ABOUT—

EEEEEK!!
ONCE HE GETS THIS WAY, THERE'S NO WAY TO MAKE HIM STOP!!
AHHHHH, NO! HE'S TURNED INTO BURNING OGINO AGAIN!
NO MORE TURNING BACK AT EVERY FORK IN THE ROAD AND RUNNING IN PLACE! IT'S A WASTE OF TIME!
THE TIME HAS COME FOR ME TO MOVE FORWARD, JUST LIKE YOU DO!
W- WHY?! WHAT'S THE FUTON FOR?!
NOPE! NO MORE "NEXT TIMES" FOR ME!
P- PLEASE, OGINO, NEXT TIME! LET'S DO THIS NEXT TIME!
I'M STILL AGONIZING OVER THAT!!
THE ONLY REASON I'M TOGETHER WITH YOU RIGHT NOW... IS BECAUSE YOU HAD THE COURAGE TO CALL ME THAT ONE NIGHT...

UH, WHAT?! SHOOT! THIS LOOKS REALLY NASTY, NOW! I JUST THOUGHT IT'D BE COLD IN HERE!
NO NO NO! BETTER PUT THE FUTON BACK!!
SHHHH! SHHHH!
...LIKE WHAT IF YOUR MOM COMES UP HERE?
IT'LL BE HORRIFIC.
DON'T WORRY!
I TOLD HER NOT TO COME UP HERE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES
...
YOU WANT US TO HUG?
YES... JUST HUG, THAT'S ALL...
NAKED?
NAKEY!


...I DUNNO
HMMMM-MMMM
MMMM ...
IT ONLY HAS TO BE A SECOND ..
WELL? IS THAT A NO NO MATTER WHAT?
...WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE I REALLY DON'T WANT TO DO IT...
BUT .. CAN'T IT BE NEXT TIME..?

I KNOW MY MOM'S DOWN THERE BUT YOU WANNA GO WATCH TV?
YEAH.
ALL RIGHT
I UNDERSTAND
I'm sorry, Nagumo...
I went crazy and did something stupid again ...
C... crap...
Why do I feel so uneasy?
What's my big rush...?
Why am I always so afraid?!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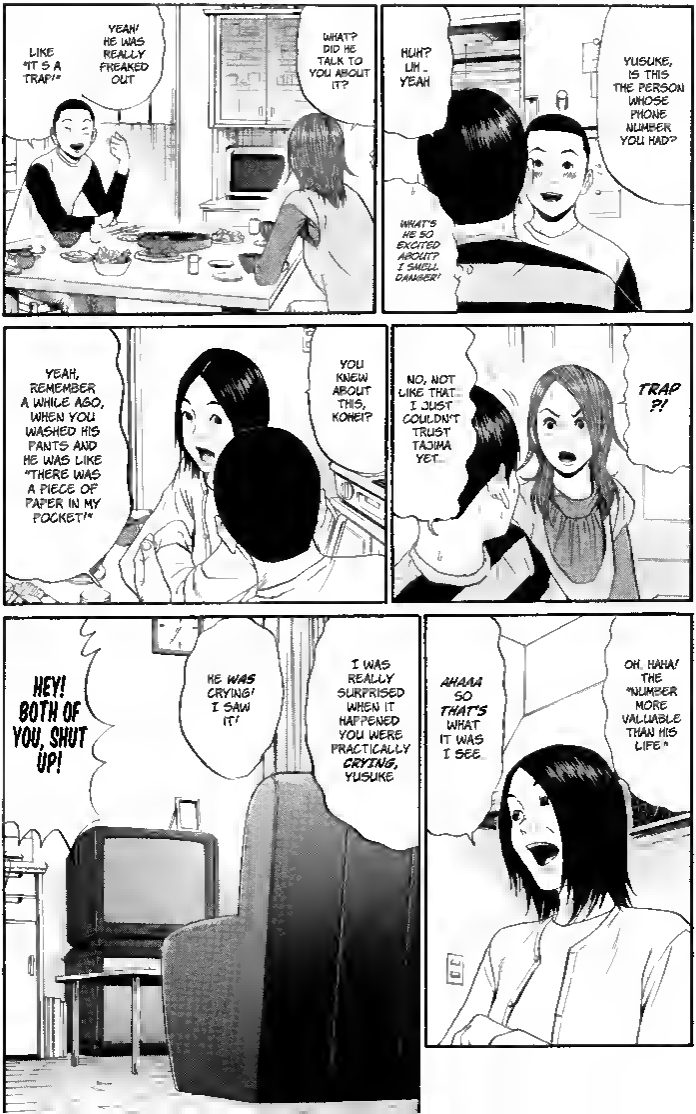
WHAT A VICIOUS CIRCLE!
SIGH... THIS REGRET WILL LEAD TO MORE LOST CONFI-DENCE
OH, HERE IT IS
IS THE SOY SAUCE OVER THERE?
LET'S EAT!
HUH? HMMMM I DON'T REMEM-BER.
HEY. CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING? DID HE CALL YOU, FIRST?
YUSUKE YOU WANT MY TV AND PS2? MUST BE BORING WITH NOTHING TO DO
SHUT UP DON'T TALK WITH YOUR MOUTH FULL.


LIKE "IT'S A TRAP!"
YEAH! HE WAS REALLY FREAKED OUT
WHAT? DID HE TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT?
HUH? UH... YEAH
YUSUKE, IS THIS THE PERSON WHOSE PHONE NUMBER YOU HAD?
WHAT'S HE SO EXCITED ABOUT? I SMELL DANGER!
YEAH, REMEMBER A WHILE AGO, WHEN YOU WASHED HIS PANTS AND HE WAS LIKE "THERE WAS A PIECE OF PAPER IN MY POCKET!"
YOU KNEW ABOUT THIS, KOHEI?
NO, NOT LIKE THAT... I JUST COULDN'T TRUST TAJIMA YET...
TRAP?!
HEY! BOTH OF YOU, SHUT UP!
HE WAS CRYING! I SAW IT!
I WAS REALLY SURPRISED WHEN IT HAPPENED YOU WERE PRACTICALLY CRYING, YUSUKE
AHAAA SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS I SEE
OH, HAHA! THE "NUMBER MORE VALUABLE THAN HIS LIFE"!
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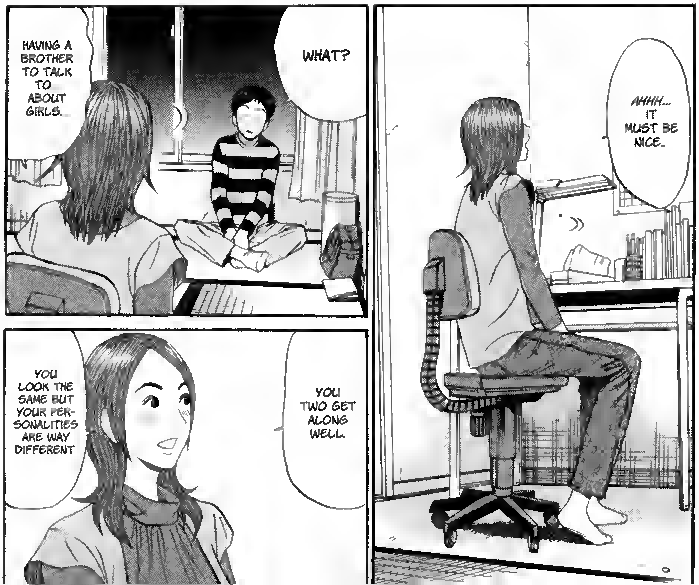
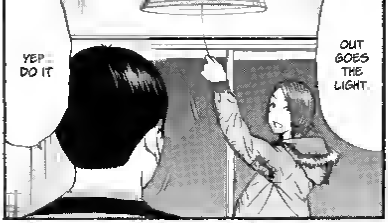
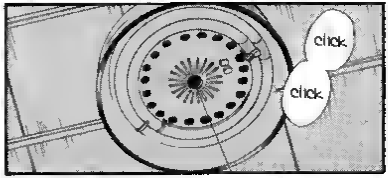
I'm thinking ...
No kiss today...


HAVING A BROTHER TO TALK TO ABOUT GIRLS..
WHAT?
AHHH... IT MUST BE NICE..
YOU LOOK THE SAME BUT YOUR PERSONALITIES ARE WAY DIFFERENT
YOU TWO GET ALONG WELL.

HA HA HA, DON'T WORRY I HAD FUN..
AND AREN'T YOU TIRED? MAN, THEY WERE LIKE CASTAWAYS STARVED FOR CONVERSATION, SHEESH...
NORMALLY HE REALLY DOESN'T TALK AT ALL
NO, NO THAT WAS ABNORMAL FOR HIM.
YEAH
I'M REALLY GLAD I CAME TODAY
I'LL WALK YOU TO THE STATION
YEP..
...IT'S LATE NOW
WELL, I GUESS I SHOULD BE GOING.


YEP. DO IT
OUT GOES THE LIGHT.

SIGH... THIS SUCKS ..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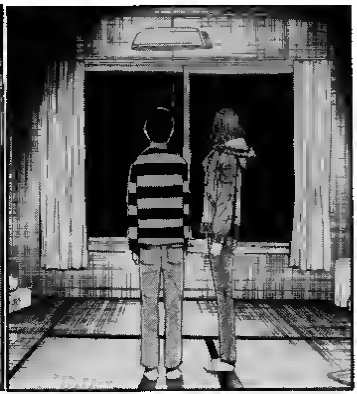
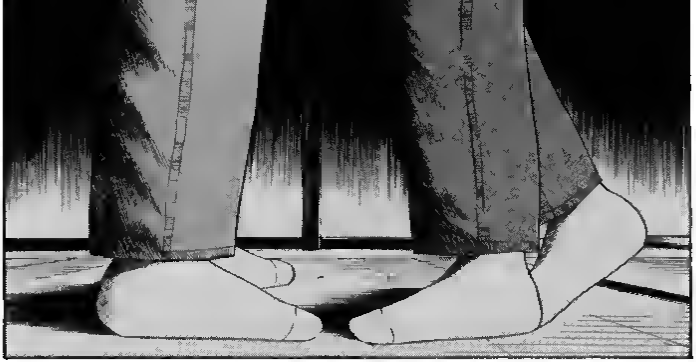


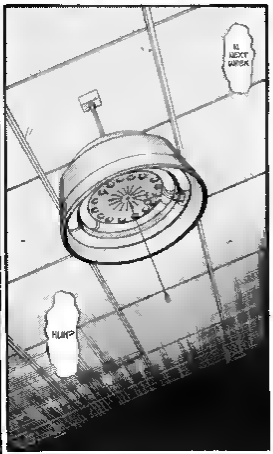
OGINO.

WE CAN TAKE MY BICYCLE IT'S A LONG WALK



I WAS THINKING MAYBE WITH THE LIGHTS OUT WE COULD DO THAT NAKED THING
BUT I STILL CAN'T... MAYBE NEXT TIME...

I MEAN BY THE END THE MONTH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY KISSING ME?!!


AT NEXT WORK
HUH?

LIKE... WHY NOT RIGHT NOW?
HUH?!!
WHY THIS MONTH?
RIGHT NOW!
UH, WELLLLLLL... I MEAN I SAID A BUNCH OF STUPID STUFF TODAY.. IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER DAY ..
NOW!!
UH... BUT IT'S JUST A DIRTY DARK ROOM.
LET'S DO IT NOW.

And so we kissed...
A first for me, of course...

What happened DOWN THERE...
UH WELL, LET'S JUST SAY, I'VE SEEN SOME VIDEOS AT TAKAI'S HOUSE
Was...
Most surprising of all...
And...
SAY, HOW'D YOU GET SO GOOD AT UNHOOKING A BRA, ANYWAYS? YOU PRACTICED?

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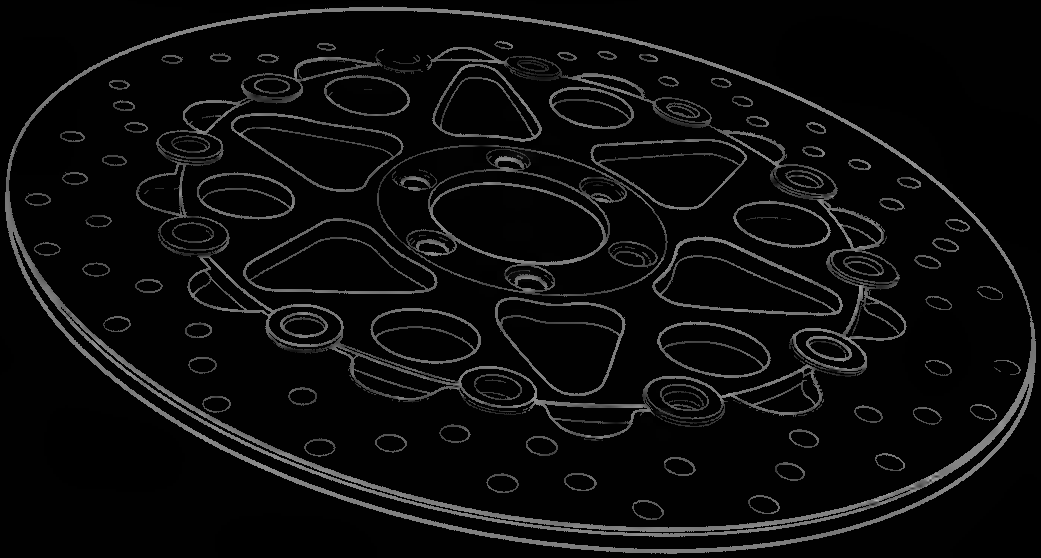


Chapter 20:
Drop-Out Notice

Even after we kissed, Nagumo didn't seem any different... she played it cool...

...MUST BE BECAUSE SHE HAS PRIOR EXPERIENCE RIGHT?

NO... MAYBE NOT? SHE NEVER REALLY SAID SHE DID

But I was so blissful over the whole thing...

I still get excited just thinking about it...

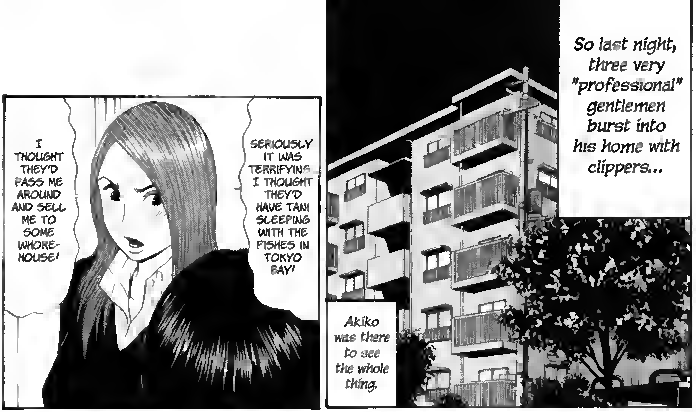
BUT... WAIT SHE TOTALLY COULD HAVE... IT WOULD BE WEIRD IF SHE DIDN'T ACTUALLY ..

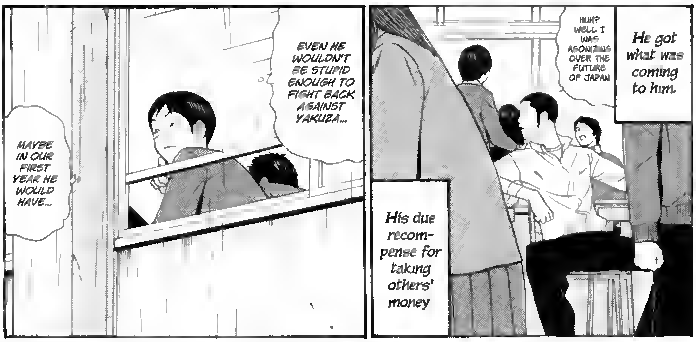
WHATEVER! I MEAN THAT'S ALL IN THE PAST ANYWAYS!

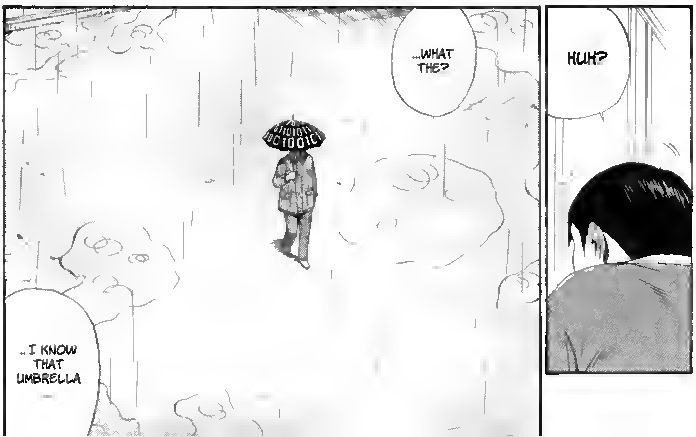
I DON'T CARE. I THINK. I DON'T CARE...

– THAT FILTHY VOICE –
ACK!!
HEY, YOU THERE! THE HUNCHBACK WITH THE BIG HEAD!!
SEX SEX SEX!!
WHAT A BASTARD!
GOOD MORNING, MR. OGINO! HOW GO THE SEXUAL EXPLOITS?

THAT IT FINALLY ALL FELL OUT YESTERDAY
WHAT MY HAIR? WELL I SPENT SO MUCH TIME THINKING AND AGONIZING OVER JAPAN'S SPIRITUAL AND POLITICAL FUTURE...
I SEE
AH!
IT IS MY FONDEST DESIRE TO SEE THAT! MAKE IT MY CHRISTMAS!
HEY, WHY DO YOU SAY STUFF LIKE THAT IN FRONT OF ME? DO YOU NOT EVEN CARE?!
AND SEND THE SNAPSHOTS OF THE DEED TO ME IMMEDIATELY!
GET YOUR SEXIN' IN WHILE JAPAN IS STILL AT PEACE, OGI BOY
Apparently Takai's successor as money pot, Kishibe,
really DID belong to a yakuza family.
During lunchtime... Akiko told me the real reason for Taniwaki's haircut...


I THOUGHT THEY'D PASS ME AROUND AND SELL ME TO SOME WHORE-HOUSE!
SERIOUSLY IT WAS TERRIFYING. I THOUGHT THEY'D HAVE TAKI SLEEPING WITH THE FISHES IN TOKYO BAY!
So last night, three very "professional" gentlemen burst into his home with clippers...
Akiko was there to see the whole thing.


MAYBE IN OUR FIRST YEAR HE WOULD HAVE...
EVEN HE WOULDN'T BE STUPID ENOUGH TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST YAKUZA...
HUH? WELL I WAS AGONIZING OVER THE FUTURE OF JAPAN
He got what was coming to him.
His due recompense for taking others' money


...WHAT THE?
HUH?
..I KNOW THAT UMBRELLA

TAKAI ?!!
HEY, YOU! CLASS HAS ALREADY STARTED!
S-SORRY, I NEED TO PEE REAL BAD!
HUFF HUFF
HUFF HUFF
HUFF HUFF
HUFF HUFF

WHOA!!
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OH...
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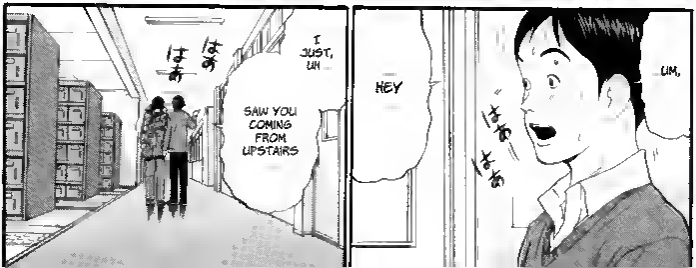
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I JUST, UH...
SAW YOU COMING FROM UPSTAIRS
HEY
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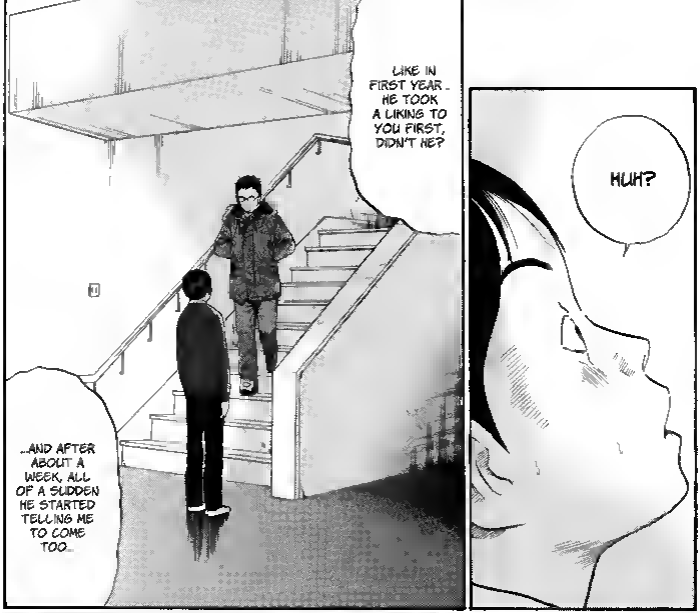
UM,

WHAT'S GOING ON?
ARE YOU FINALLY COMING BACK TO SCHOOL?
NO.
LIKE FOR THE FIRST TIME...
Y YOU REALLY LOST A LOT OF WEIGHT MAN! I CAN SEE YOUR CHIN!
I CAME TO DELIVER MY DROP-OUT NOTICE...
THAT FUCKING TEACHER KEPT DROPPING BY MY HOUSE
WHAT? WHY? YOU'RE QUITTING SCHOOL?!
I'M QUITTING SCHOOL.
WAIT A MINUTE! HOLD ON! THINK ABOUT IT! THAT'S GONNA WREAK HAVOC ON YOUR FUTURE PLANS!!
I KNOW YOU'RE SMART ENOUGH TO RECOGNIZE THAT?!
COME ON, OUT OF THE WAY.
D... DUDE!

HE SAID HE'S NOT BOTHERING US ANYMORE.
..OH.. RIGHT... I HAVEN'T HAD THE CHANCE TO TELL YOU, SINCE WE HAVEN'T TALKED AT ALL..
IS TANIWAKI HERE?
HUH? YEAH HE'S HERE
AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS A JOKE.. BUT NOTHING'S HAPPENED TO ME SINCE.
I DON'T KNOW I GUESS HE FOUND SOME NEW SUCKERS TO BULLY AROUND AND DECIDED HE WAS DONE WITH US!
HUH? WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
HUH?
OGI, YOU ALREADY KISSED HER?
HMMMM

UMM...
NO...
YES
YOU ALREADY KISSED THAT HOT GIRLFRIEND OF YOURS?
FRIEND?
THIS ONE I WAS WITH THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU.
I GUESS MY FRIEND REALLY HAS A THING FOR THAT GIRL.
HMMMM.
I SEE NOW.

I'VE BEEN THINKING RECENTLY
I SEE NOW
ISN'T THE ENTIRE REASON... I WAS BULLIED IN THE FIRST PLACE...
ALL YOUR FAULT, OGI?


LIKE IN FIRST YEAR - HE TOOK A LIKING TO YOU FIRST, DIDN'T HE?
HUH?
...AND AFTER ABOUT A WEEK, ALL OF A SUDDEN HE STARTED TELLING ME TO COME TOO...

TAKAI... UMM... HE SAYS... HE WANTS YOU TO COME TOO, TODAY...
EVEN TODAY, I CAN STILL REMEMBER THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE.

B..BUT, THAT WAS JUST BECAUSE.. HE TOLD ME TO CALL YOU
THEN LET ME ASK YOU THIS IN THAT FIRST WEEK, DID YOU EVER TELL HIM ABOUT ME?
..LIKE YOU JUST HAPPENED ON THE SUBJECT... OH YEAH, MY FRIEND IS RICH..
YOU SAY ANYTHING STUPID LIKE THAT?
..I DUNNO
I DON'T REMEMBER
DON'T GIVE ME THAT SHIT! YOU TOLD HIM ABOUT ME, DIDN'T YOU?
AND THAT WAS WHEN HE WANTED TO TALK TO *ME*, WASN'T IT?

SEE, IT IS YOUR FAULT ALL YOU'VE EVER DONE FOR ME IS GIVE ME GRIEF
AND NOW YOU'RE JUST SITTING BACK AND MAKING OUT WITH YOUR SUPERMODEL GIRLFRIEND? WHAT THE FUCK IS THAT?
WHA
WHY ARE YOU TAKING THIS OUT ON ME?! LOOK MAN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED WITH YOUR FAMILY,
BUT MY GIRLFRIEND HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!!

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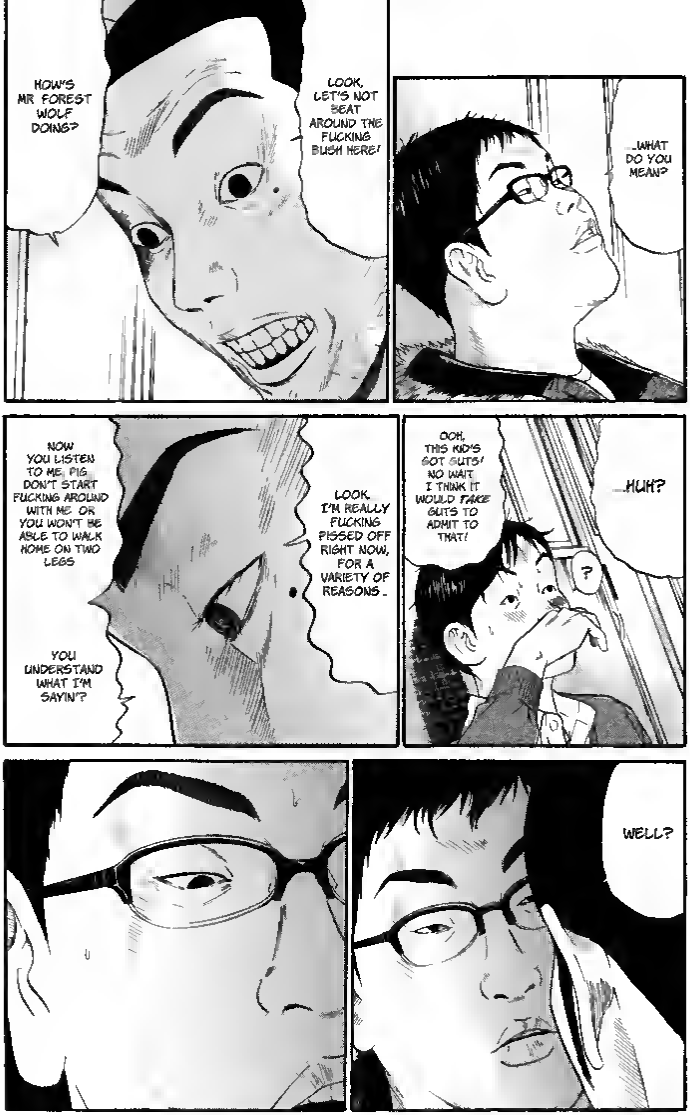
AAGH!!

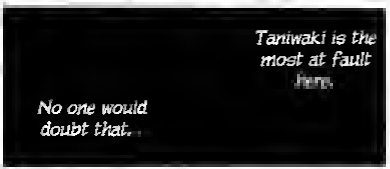
HELL. SAY YOU DON'T REMEMBER. IT WOULDN'T SURPRISE ME. YOU'RE A FUCKING DUNCE
YOU'RE A GODDAMN PIECE OF SHIT SCUMBAG
NOTHING TO DO WITH IT? WHAT THE FUCK, DO YOU NOT UNDERSTAND JAPANESE? YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE ISSUE BY RAISING YOUR VOICE WITH ME
Nhna
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT TROUBLE. ANYONE WHO BOTHERS WITH YOU IS BOUND TO GO THROUGH HELL.
YOU'RE A FUCKING PESTILENCE AND YOU OUGHT TO BE DEAD DON'T EVER TALK TO ME AGAIN.
?!!
WHAT WHAT WHAT WHAT?

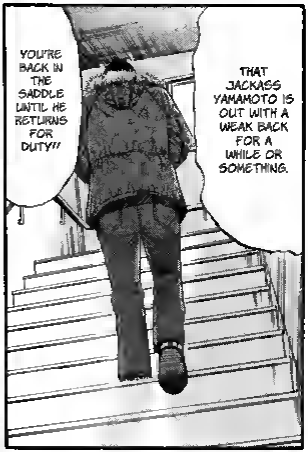
YOU HARDLY EVEN LOOK LIKE A PIG ANYMORE! YOU RUNNIN' OUTTA MONEY FOR FOOD OR WHAT?!

SHIT DOGG, YOU LOST ABOUT 200 POUNDS!
WAIT A MINUTE! WAIT, IS THAT TAKAI OVER THERE?

YOU EVEN TOOK CARE OF MY CAT FOR A LITTLE BIT!
SAY TAKAI, THANKS A LOT FOR THAT REALLY CREATIVE VIDEO YOU SENT ME!
AND WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, OG! BOY? YOU GOT A NOSEBLEED! EATIN' TOO MUCH CHOCO-LATE?


HOW'S MR FOREST WOLF DOING?
LOOK, LET'S NOT BEAT AROUND THE FUCKING BUSH HERE!
...WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
NOW YOU LISTEN TO ME, PIG. DON'T START FUCKING AROUND WITH ME OR YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO WALK HOME ON TWO LEGS
YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYIN'?
LOOK. I'M REALLY FUCKING PISSED OFF RIGHT NOW, FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS.
OOH, THIS KID'S GOT SUITS! NO WAIT, I THINK IT WOULD TAKE GUTS TO ADMIT TO THAT!
...HUH?
?
WELL?





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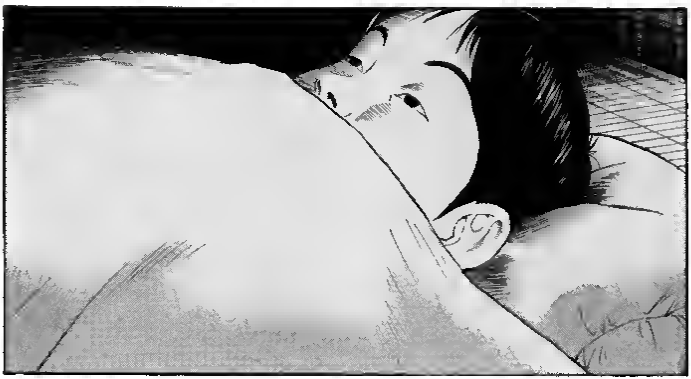
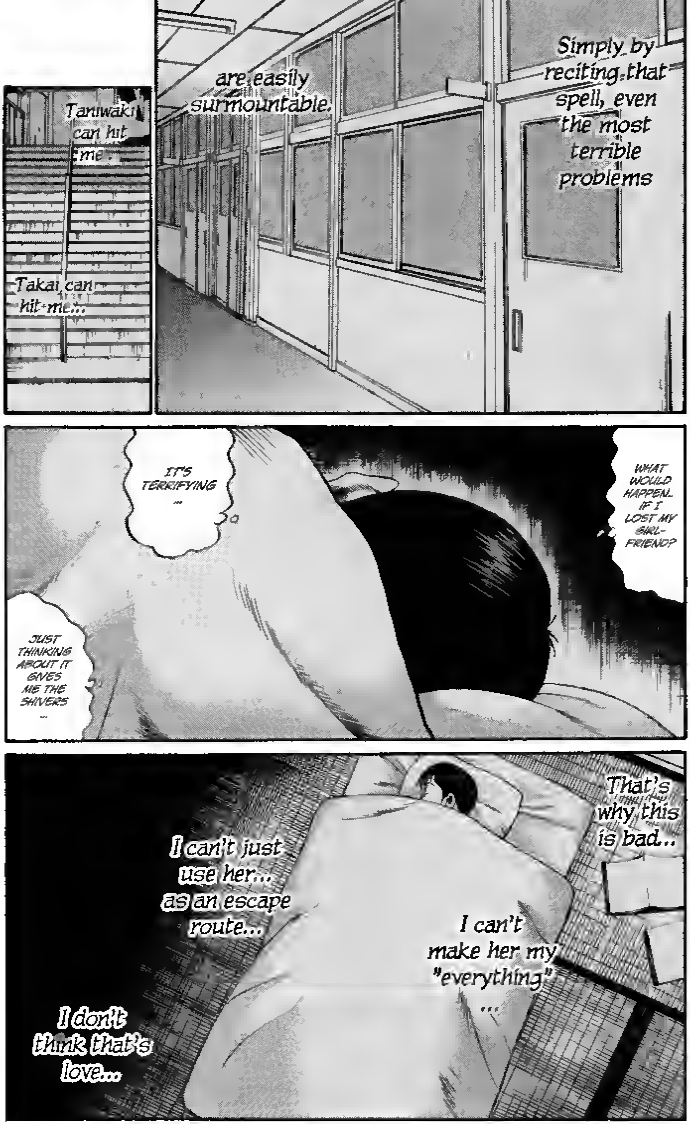
Chapter 21:
Breeding Season



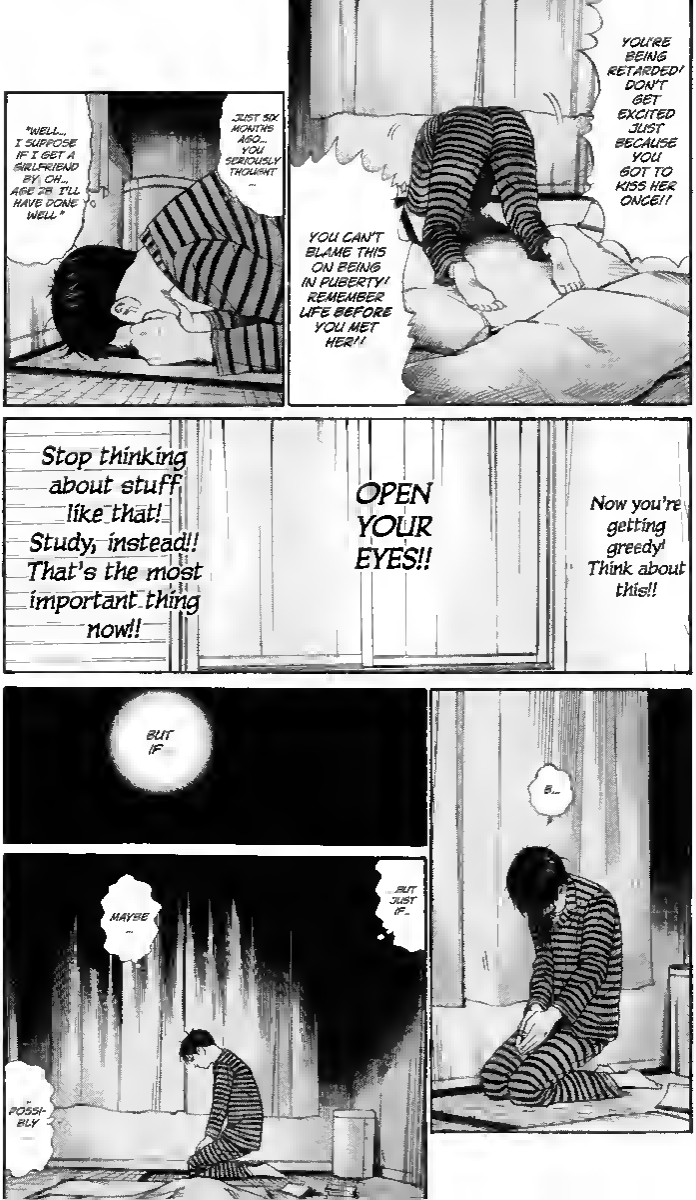
I have
Nagumo.
And now makes up nearly all of what I am...
She is my identity
...I HAVE NAGUMO
That is a very dangerous thing.

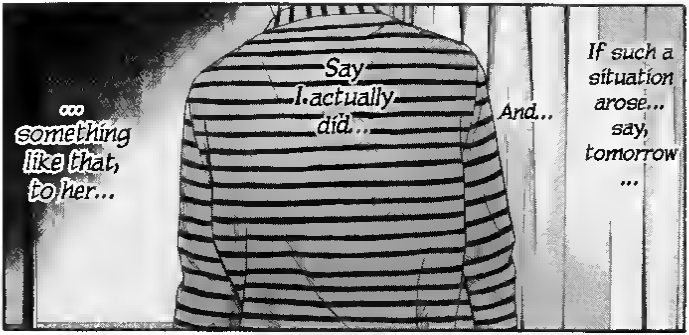

Simply by reciting that spell, even the most terrible problems
are easily surmountable.
Tanuwaki can hit me.
Takai can hit me...
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I LOST MY GIRL-FRIEND?
IT'S TERRIFYING ...
JUST THINKING ABOUT IT GIVES ME THE SHIVERS ...
That's why this is bad...
I can't just use her... as an escape route...
I can't make her my "everything" ...
I don't think that's love...

But lately ...
it's turned physical...
Psychologically, so far...
I think I've managed to control myself fairly well...
I find my thoughts wandering ...
At school or at home,
All day long, every day...
Ever since the day we kissed...
very, very nasty things...
...like touching her body...
To very naughty things.

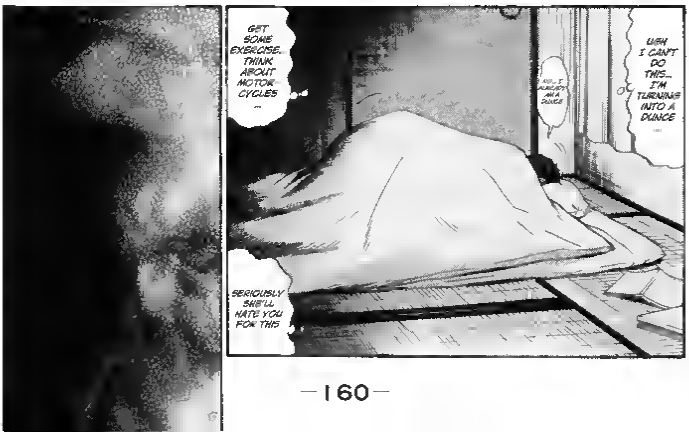
I'm in breeding mode...
That's right...

THIS IS CRAZY! STOP THINKING ABOUT THAT!! IT WON'T HAPPEN!!
GRRRRR, NO! NO, NO, NO! I CAN'T !!
THERE'S NO REASON TO GET SO OBSESSED OVER THIS THAT I CAN'T EVEN SLEEP AT NIGHT!!


"WELL... I SUPPOSE IF I GET A GIRLFRIEND BY, OH... AGE 28, I'LL HAVE DONE WELL"
JUST SIX MONTHS AGO... YOU SERIOUSLY THOUGHT...
YOU CAN'T BLAME THIS ON BEING IN PUBERTY! REMEMBER LIFE BEFORE YOU MET HER!!
YOU'RE BEING RETARDED! DON'T GET EXCITED JUST BECAUSE YOU GOT TO KISS HER ONCE!!
Stop thinking about stuff like that! Study, instead!! That's the most important thing now!!
OPEN YOUR EYES!!
Now you're getting greedy! Think about this!!
BUT IF...
B...
MAYBE...
BUT JUST IF...
...POSSIBLY...


If such a situation arose... say, tomorrow ...
And...
Say I actually did...
... something like that, to her...

I get the feeling ...
That she would.. probably accept me for who I was...
The likelihood of that happening
Is what's so agonizing.


GET SOME EXERCISE. THINK ABOUT MOTOR CYCLES ...
AH... I ALWAYS AM A DUNCE
UGH I CAN'T DO THIS... I'M TURNING INTO A DUNCE
SERIOUSLY SHE'LL HATE YOU FOR THIS

Paddock

HE SAID "IT WAS YOU, WASN'T IT"
ABOUT THE VIDEO

SO BASICALLY, HE FIGURED IT OUT

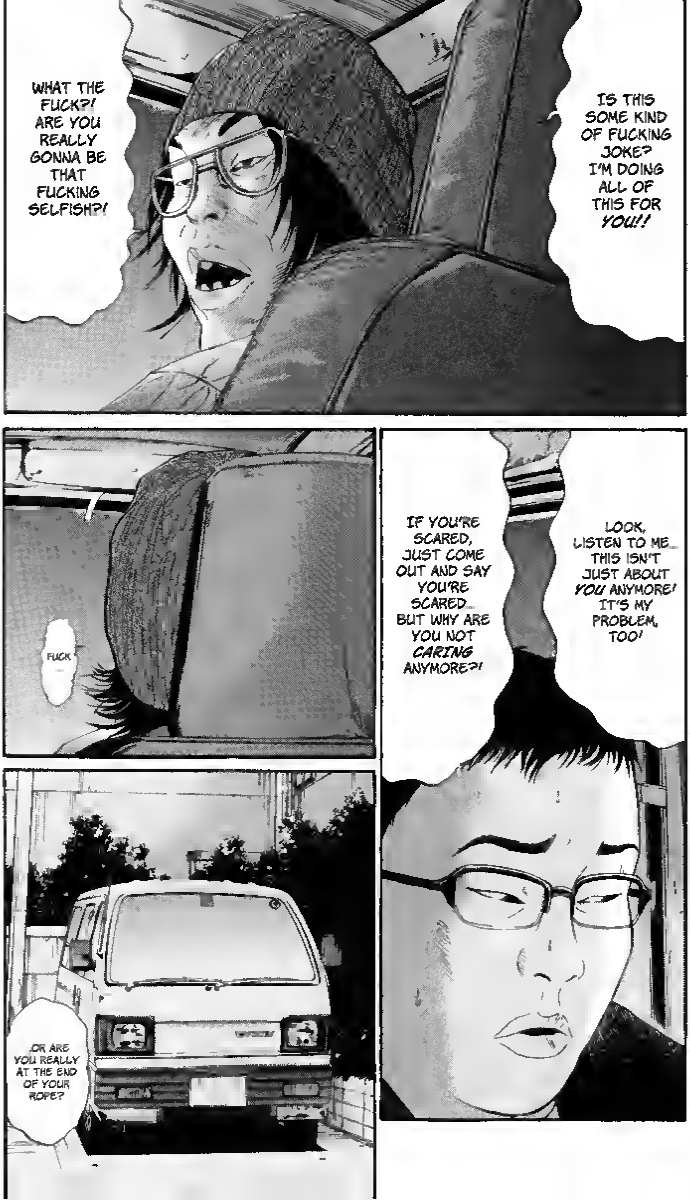
HMMMM.
HELL NO I'D BE IN THE HOSPITAL NOW IF I HAD
AND DID YOU TELL HIM? "YEAH. IT WAS ME"..?
WELL..
IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL, EITHER WAY..

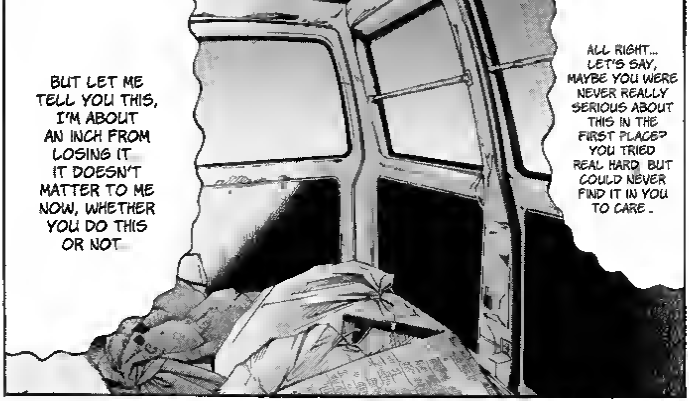
WHEN I TURNED IN MY SCHOOL FORMS
JUST RE-CENTLY
SO.. WHEN'D YOU SEE HIM?
WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE ABOUT TO CRY AGAIN...
SOME-THING HAPPEN?

I DUNNO... LATELY...
...I'VE BEEN INCREDIBLY DEPRESSED...
WHY? YOU FREAKIN' OUT AGAIN, LIKE THE TIME WITH THE CAT?
...NO... NOT THAT...
IT'S A TOTALLY DIFFERENT FEELING FROM THAT... IT'S LIKE...
...ALL SORTS OF THINGS... JUST DON'T MATTER TO ME, ANYMORE...

SO WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU WANT OUT ALL OF A SUDDEN?
..LET'S NOT HAVE ANY OF THAT SHIT NOW..
WHAT DO YOU MEAN THEY DON'T MATTER?
LET'S JUST GO..
NO WAY MAN. ALL RIGHT LOOK.
Paddock
DAMN, IT'S COLD.

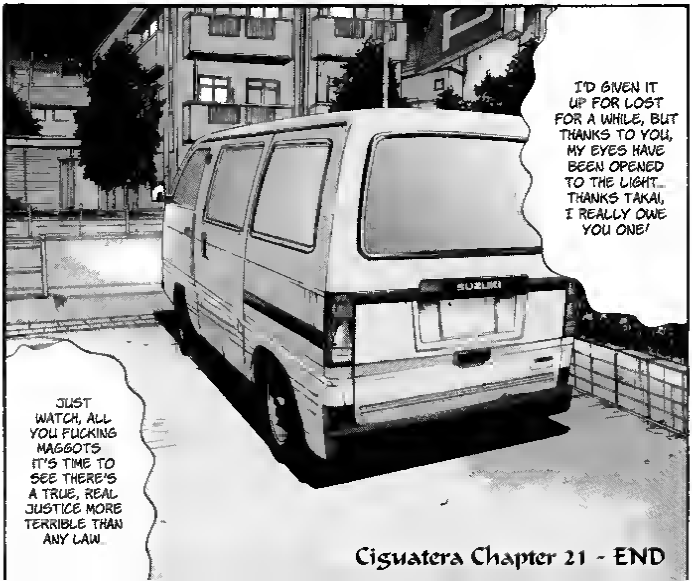
AAH!!
SIRIN
SIRIN
HUH?!!
LOOK, WHAT THE FUCK DO YOU MEAN, YOU DON'T CARE ANYMORE?! WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU SAYING?!


WHAT THE FUCK?! ARE YOU REALLY GONNA BE THAT FUCKING SELFISH?!
IS THIS SOME KIND OF FUCKING JOKE? I'M DOING ALL OF THIS FOR YOU!!
FUCK...
IF YOU'RE SCARED, JUST COME OUT AND SAY YOU'RE SCARED... BUT WHY ARE YOU NOT CARING ANYMORE?!
LOOK, LISTEN TO ME... THIS ISN'T JUST ABOUT YOU ANYMORE! IT'S MY PROBLEM, TOO!
OR ARE YOU REALLY AT THE END OF YOUR ROPE?


ALL RIGHT... LET'S SAY, MAYBE YOU WERE NEVER REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE? YOU TRIED REAL HARD, BUT COULD NEVER FIND IT IN YOU TO CARE.
BUT LET ME TELL YOU THIS, I'M ABOUT AN INCH FROM LOSING IT. IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME NOW, WHETHER YOU DO THIS OR NOT.

...HEH... I COULD DO IT BY MYSELF.

AND FORGET ABOUT ALL OF IT. DON'T THINK ABOUT ANYTHING AT ALL.
SKITT
IT'S TOO LATE FOR YOU ANYWAYS. IF YOU'RE SCARED, JUST GO HOME AND HIDE IN BED


I'D GIVEN IT UP FOR LOST FOR A WHILE, BUT THANKS TO YOU, MY EYES HAVE BEEN OPENED TO THE LIGHT... THANKS TAKAI, I REALLY OWE YOU ONE!
SUZUKI
JUST WATCH, ALL YOU FUCKING MAGGOTS IT'S TIME TO SEE THERE'S A TRUE, REAL JUSTICE MORE TERRIBLE THAN ANY LAW...

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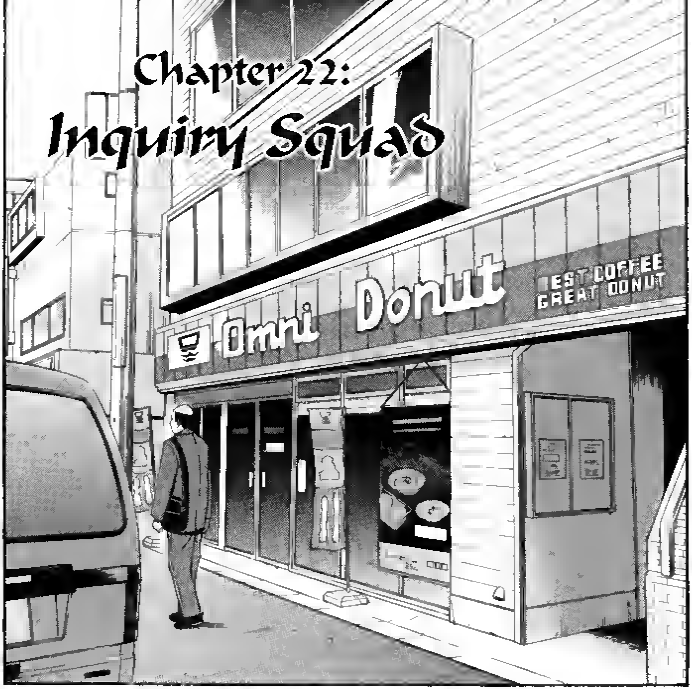
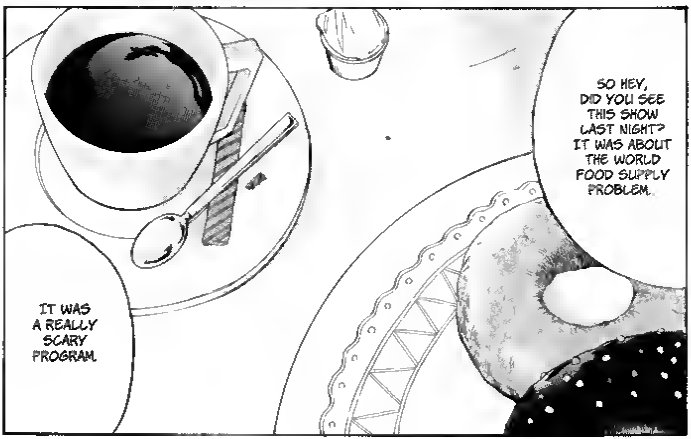
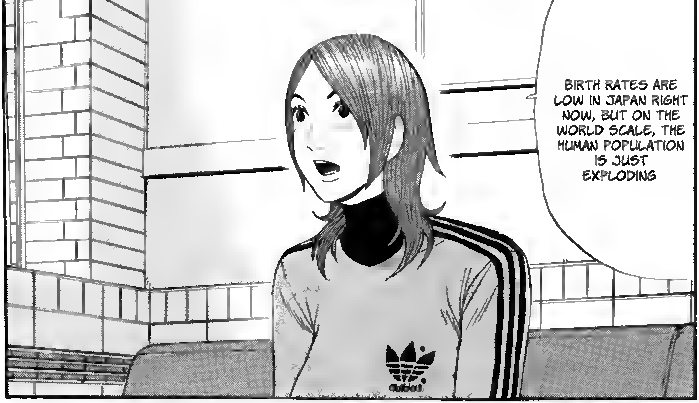
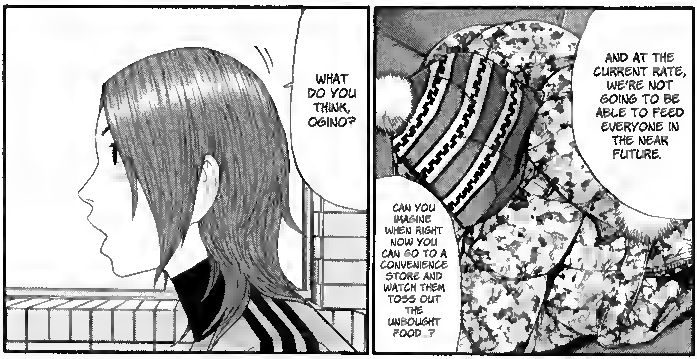
Chapter 22:
Inquiry Squad






BIRTH RATES ARE LOW IN JAPAN RIGHT NOW, BUT ON THE WORLD SCALE, THE HUMAN POPULATION IS JUST EXPLODING


WHAT DO YOU THINK, OGINO?
AND AT THE CURRENT RATE, WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO FEED EVERYONE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
CAN YOU IMAGINE WHEN RIGHT NOW YOU CAN GO TO A CONVENIENCE STORE AND WATCH THEM TOSS OUT THE UNBOUGHT FOOD...?

HUH?

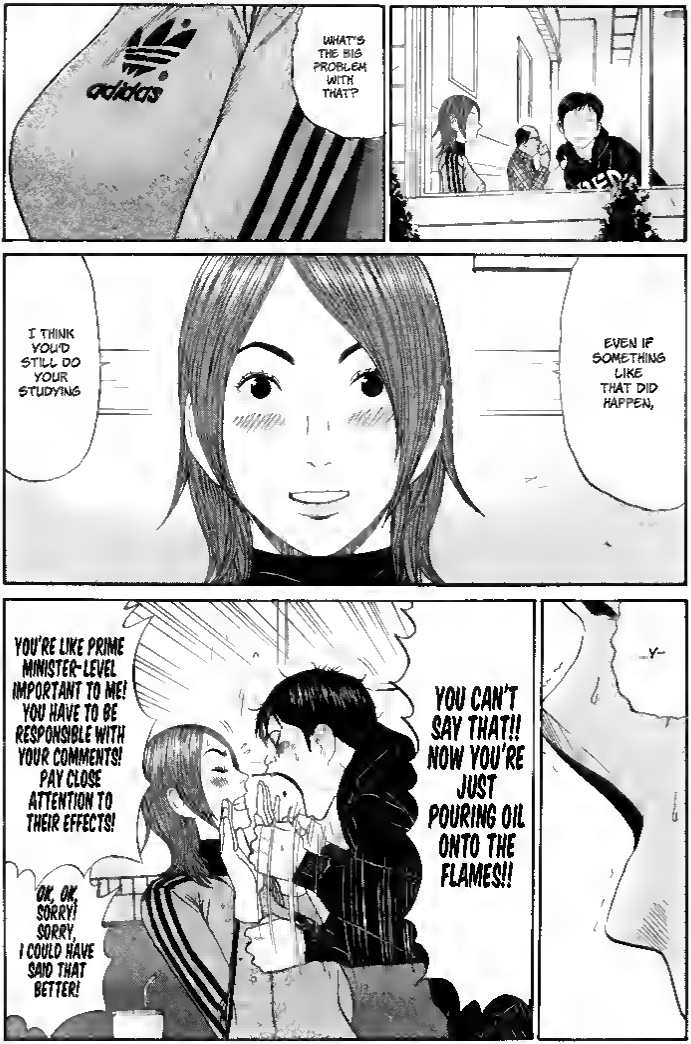
WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO?
I SAID THE HUMAN POPULATION IS GROWING SO FAST WE WON'T HAVE ENOUGH FOOD TO FEED OURSELVES SOON.
adidas
SORRY... WHAT?
AND WE'RE BASICALLY IN HEAT ALL YEAR LONG...
IT'S A TRICKY THING.. HUMANS DON'T HAVE NATURAL PREDATORS LIKE OTHER ANIMALS DO..
THAT'S A VERY GOOD QUESTION...
HMMMM...
HMMMMMM...
SO AT PRESENT IT'S BASICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO REBOUND IN THE WILD...
PANDAS ONLY HAVE A FEW DAYS A YEAR TO BREED..

YOU SEEM REALLY DOWN LATELY
SO WHAT'S WRONG, OSINO ?
YEAH.
ARE YOU LOW ON SLEEP FROM OVER-WORKING OR SOME-THING?
adidas
YES?
ACTUALLY... I'M...
WELL

...UHHH.. LIKE YOU JUST SAID..
WELL NOT THINK... I KNOW I'VE BEEN.
I THINK I'VE BEEN
RED ALLS
IN HEAT, OR SOMETHING.
YES.
YOU KNOW HOW.. WE KISSED AND STUFF

LIKE, LATELY I'VE HARDLY PUT ANY THOUGHT INTO SCHOOL WORK OR MOTOR CYCLES
...I NEVER THOUGHT I'D EVER BE SO FIXATED ON THIS
IT'S JUST ALL REALLY CRAZY
...ALL DAY LONG FROM MORNING TO NIGHT I JUST HAVE THESE FANTASIES AND THEY NEVER STOP...
SINCE THAT DAY I'VE BEEN GETTING WORSE AND WORSE. IT'S LIKE SOME SEX DEMON HAS TAKEN OVER MY MIND
I WILL NEVER! EVER! EVER! DO ANYTHING SO TERRIBLE TO YOU!!
BUT I CAN SAY JUST ONE THING, AND THAT IS I'M ALL RIGHT!
IF I DID SOMETHING THAT CRAZY I WOULD BE RUINED! I WOULD NEVER THINK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE EVER AGAIN.
I MEAN THIS IS THE TIME IN A PERSON'S LIFE WHEN SCHOOL IS EVERYTHING!
I'D NEVER RUN IT INTO COLLEGE THAT WAY

YOU LOSER!! YOU MORON, I WOULD NEVER DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT WITH YOU!! DON'T WORRY!!
HEY, KNOCK IT OFF, YOU BARON OF PERVERSION! QUIT HAVIN' DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR OVER JUST A LITTLE KISS!!
I KNOW IT'LL BE WEIRD, BUT YOU CAN DO IT!!
HUH?
..COULD YOU, UH.. SAY STUFF LIKE THAT TO ME?
UHHHH
I'M SORRY THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO NIP THE PROBLEM IN THE BUD C'MON, JUST LAY IT ON ME!
I MEAN SERIOUSLY.. JUST A SINGLE WORD LIKE THAT FROM YOUR MOUTH AND ALL MY FLAMES WILL BE EXTINGUISHED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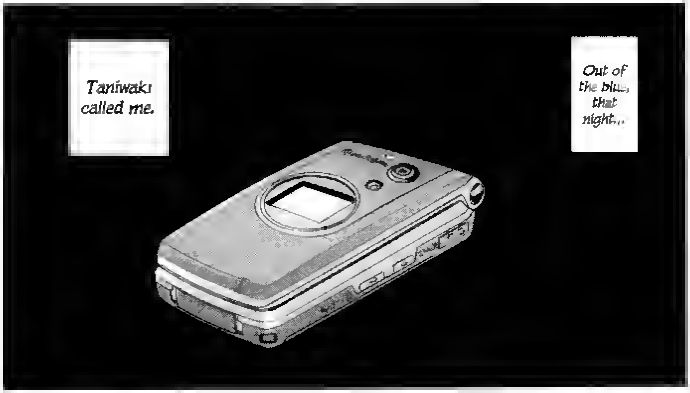
WHAT'S THE BIG PROBLEM WITH THAT?
I THINK YOU'D STILL DO YOUR STUDYING
EVEN IF SOMETHING LIKE THAT DID HAPPEN,
YOU'RE LIKE PRIME MINISTER-LEVEL IMPORTANT TO ME! YOU HAVE TO BE RESPONSIBLE WITH YOUR COMMENTS! PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THEIR EFFECTS!
YOU CAN'T SAY THAT!! NOW YOU'RE JUST POURING OIL ONTO THE FLAMES!!
Y-
OK, OK SORRY! SORRY, I COULD HAVE SAID THAT BETTER!

ALL I MEANT TO SAY WAS THAT YOU'RE A SERIOUS LEVEL HEADED GUY SO EVEN IF IT HAPPENED YOU'D STILL DO YOUR SCHOOLWORK!!
NO! NO, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! I'D GO INSANE!!
SO, WHAT?! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ?!
IS THIS WHAT I THINK IT MEANS?!
..YOU'RE SAYING.. THAT EVEN THOUGH WE'RE STILL HIGH SCHOOLERS
AND WE'VE ONLY BEEN GOING OUT FOR HALF A YEAR.
.. THAT IF WE WOUND UP IN THAT KIND OF SITUATION YOU WOULDN'T MIND?
HMMMM, THAT'TH A VEWWY GOOD KWETH-CHIN.
AHH!!
SHE'S MAKING FUN OF ME!! THIS IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT TOPIC!!
AND NOW SHE'S IMPERSONATING CELEBRITIES!! THIS IS CRAZY!!

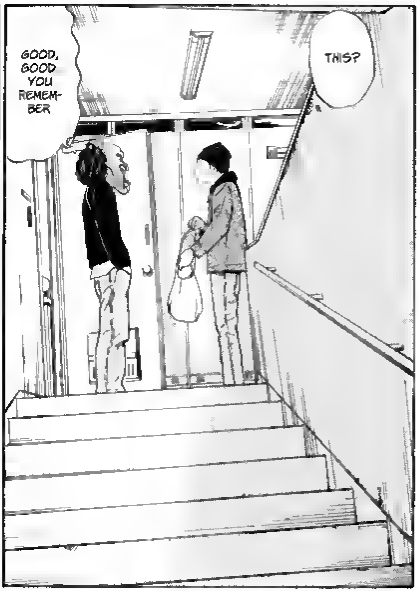
NAGUMO... HAVE YOU HAD SEX BEFORE?
HMMMM, THAT'TH A VEWWY GOOD KWETHCHIN
うーん
NOT AGAIN!! DAMMIT !!

LOOK, JUST DON'T OBSESS OVER THAT
LET'S TAKE IT EASY THE WAY WE ALWAYS HAVE
HEY. THE MOVIE'S ALMOST ABOUT TO START! LET'S GO
YEAH.
カフェ
...SH SHIT I'M BEING TREATED LIKE A CHILD...
WELL NO WONDER I'VE BEEN ACTING LIKE ONE...
...WHAT SHOULD I DO, THOUGH...? WE DIDN'T RESOLVE THE PROBLEM AT ALL...
IN FACT IT'S PROBABLY WORSE NOW...


Taniwaki called me.
Out of the blue, that night...

THE ROUND ONES I LIKE
DID YOU BUY THE PASTRIES?

..WELL, UH, GOOD-NIGHT..
I DIDN'T SAY YOU COULD GO


GOOD, GOOD YOU REMEMBER
THIS?

THE REAL BUSINESS BEGINS NOW. ENTER.

HEY AKIIII, YOUR HORSE-HUNG PRINCE IS HEEERE
WAKE UPPPP
ZZZZ ZZZZ
SIDDOWN.
...YOU HEARD WHAT TAKAI AND I WERE TALKING ABOUT THE OTHER DAY, RIGHT?
ABOUT A VIDEO AND A WOLF IN THE FOREST.
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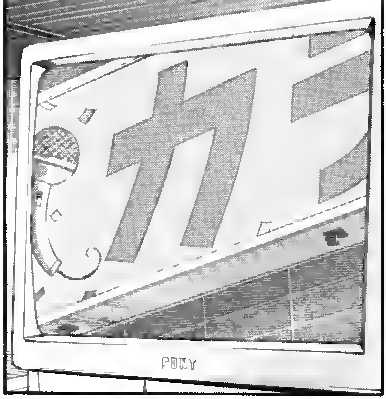
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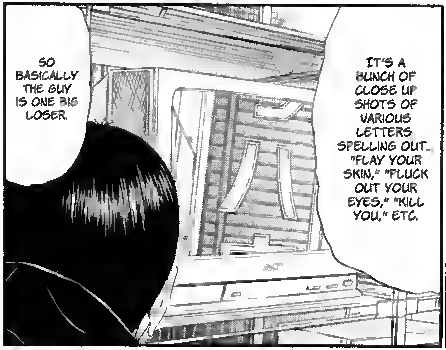
I AM ABOUT TO SHOW YOU THIS VIDEO
BEEP


SO BASICALLY THE GUY IS ONE BIG LOSER.
IT'S A BUNCH OF CLOSE UP SHOTS OF VARIOUS LETTERS SPELLING OUT... "FLAY YOUR SKIN," "PLUCK OUT YOUR EYES," "KILL YOU," ETC.

?

THEY EVEN KIDNAPPED MY CAT.
I FIGURE THERE'S AN OVER 90% CHANCE THIS WAS CREATED BY TAKAI AND HIS LITTLE WOLF FRIEND

TAKAI HATES ME WITH ALL HIS GUTS, DON'T HE?
OH! BOY, YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS IDIOT WHO'S HANGING OUT WITH THE PIG?
...THE ONE HE MET ON THE INTERNET?
...I DON'T KNOW HIM AT ALL...
THEN YOUR TASK IS TO FIND OUT
HUH?!

BRING ME SOME KIND OF INFORMATION WITHIN TEN DAYS.
AS BEST AS YOU CAN DEALLY, GET A SNAPSHOT OF HIS FACE, AND HIS ADDRESS
I MEAN YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE PIGGY BOY TRUSTS SO YOU'RE MY GO-TO MAN HERE.
THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF TRICKS. STAKEOUTS, TRAILING, WIRETAPS, HIDDEN CAMERAS...
HUH?! BUT... I CAN'T... HOW WOULD I DO THAT?
IF WE LET HIM RUN FREE, HE'LL KILL ME EVENTUALLY -
YOU KNOW HIM WELL ENOUGH TO SEE HE'S FUCKING CRACKED, RIGHT?
SO IF WE STOP HIM, WE GOTTA STOP HIM NOW..

AND I'M A NICE GUY, SO I'M WILLING TO SNAP HIM OUT OF IT AND FORGIVE HIM.
YOU DON'T WANT YOUR BEST FRIEND TO GET BRAIN-WASHED BY SOME IDIOT AND KILL A MAN, DO YOU?
N... NO WAY
THAT WOULDN'T EVER HAPPEN.
ALL RIGHT, JUST THINK OF IT THIS WAY I JUST REALLY WANT TO SEE
WHAT THIS "WOLF" GUY LOOKS LIKE!
AND BY THE WAY...

AKIKO'S COMMANDO RIGHT NOW
WHADDAYA SAY? YOU GONNA GIVE IT TO HER?
SHE IS SERIOUSLY OBSESSED WITH YOUR COCK, DUDE. I THINK SHE REALLY WANTS A RIDE
HEY, YOU JUST PAUSED BEFORE YOU SAID THAT! WHAT ARE YOU, IN *HEAT*, KID?!
..NO..

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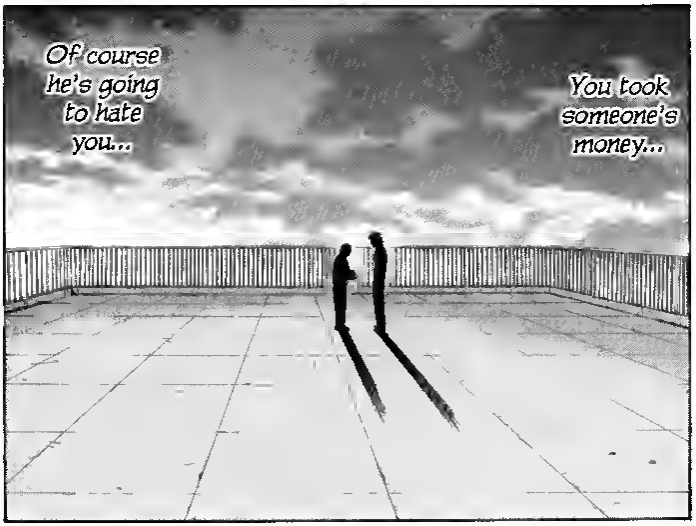


Just apologize to Takai already.
Settle your own shit...
You're the only one to blame...
I haven't done a thing.
Three days since Taniwaki ordered me to investigate Takai...
HE HIT ME AND TOLD ME NEVER TO TALK TO HIM AGAIN...
...WHAT A JOKE... I'M NOT DOING SHIT... I WOULDN'T HAVE ANY LUCK ANYWAYS
I'M ALREADY BUSY ENOUGH AND I'M NOT GONNA LET MY TIME WITH NAGUMO BE CUT ANY SHORTER

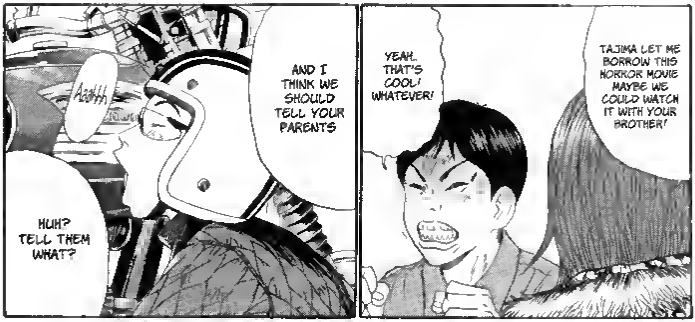
NO MATTER HOW MUCH HIS CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE, HE WOULD NEVER DO SOMETHING THAT STUPID...
BUT I ALSO KNOW... THAT HE'S A SMART GUY...
has the guts to kill Taniwaki.
If I had to bet, I'd say that Takai
HUH?
AAAH!!
KI
SCRE

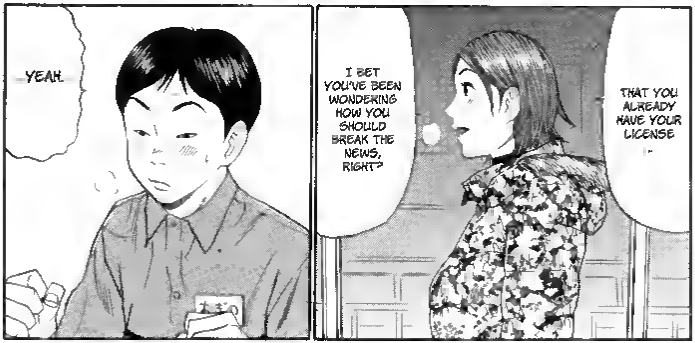
T-TAJIMA ?!!
HELLOOOO OGINO! HOW ARE YOU?!

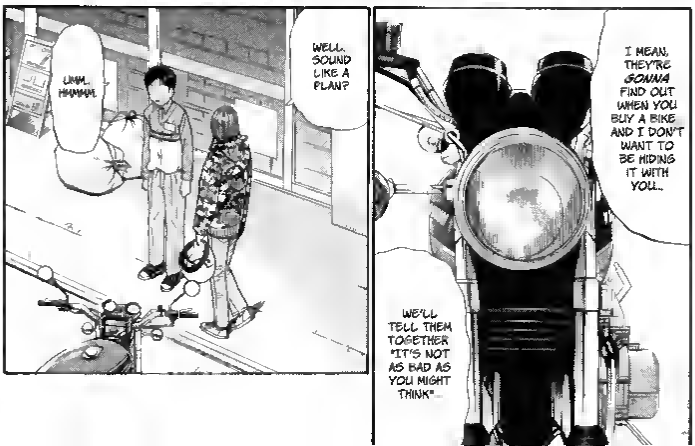
I BOUGHT IT!!
YOU STOLE IT?!!

IT'S MINE!!
WHOA, WHAT IS THIS?! WHOSE BIKE IS THIS?!

A-ARE YOU SERIOUS?! WHEN?!!
JUST RECENTLY!! FROM ONE OF MY UNCLES!!
ONE SIMPLE PAYMENT OF 200K YEN, THAT'S ALL IT TOOK!!
NOOOOOO
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO GO TOURING WITH YUMI HERE! IN FACT, WE WERE GOING TO ASK YOU IF YOU'D LIKE TO-
OHHHHHH! I'M SORRY! I FORGOT, YOU DON'T HAVE A MOTORCYCLE, DO YOU!! SO SORRY!! NO HARD FEELINGS, RIGHT?!
NOOOOOO
WOWWWW, THIS IS THE SWEETEST THING I'VE EVER SEEN!
I LIKE SPORTS BIKES! SPORTS BIKES!
SORRY. SHE JUST HAD TO SHOW IT OFF...
ANYWAYS, YOU DON'T HAVE WORK ON THE WEEKEND, RIGHT? CAN I COME OVER TO YOUR HOUSE AGAIN?


AND I THINK WE SHOULD TELL YOUR PARENTS
AGHH!
HUH? TELL THEM WHAT?
YEAH. THAT'S COOL! WHATEVER!
TAJIMA LET ME BORROW THIS HORROR MOVIE MAYBE WE COULD WATCH IT WITH YOUR BROTHER!


YEAH.
I BET YOU'VE BEEN WONDERING HOW YOU SHOULD BREAK THE NEWS, RIGHT?
THAT YOU ALREADY HAVE YOUR LICENSE


UHM.. HMMM..
WELL.. SOUND LIKE A PLAN?
I MEAN, THEY'RE GONNA FIND OUT WHEN YOU BUY A BIKE AND I DON'T WANT TO BE HIDING IT WITH YOU..
WE'LL TELL THEM TOGETHER "IT'S NOT AS BAD AS YOU MIGHT THINK"..

I'LL COME EARLIER THIS TIME. LAST TIME I GOT HOME SUPER LATE.
GOODBYE, OGINO! KEEP WORKING YOURSELF TO THE BOOOOONE!!
ドルルン
ドルルン
タタタン
UH... OK...
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT.
C'MON, YUMI! IT'S GONNA GET DARK! LET'S GOOO!
Because I KNEW they would be against it if they found out.
I got my license in secret from my parents ...
ブォォー
トタタ
But now the day is coming closer and closer...
At first that event was a one way into the future ...
...yeah, true... they'll find out as soon as I buy a motorcycle ...

AND WHAT IF THEY SAY "ABSOLUTELY NOT"...?
ALL THIS WORK I'M DOING FOR IT ...

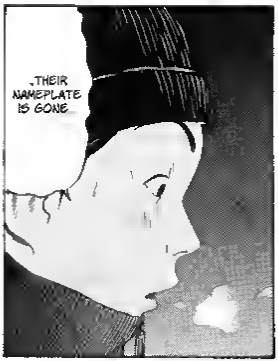
ADAW MANNN

EVEN IF IT'S NOT "ABSOLUTELY"... THEY MIGHT SAY "NOT UNTIL YOU'RE 20" OR "NOT UNTIL YOU GRADUATE" ...
THAT'S WHAT I'M MOST AFRAID OF, THE SILLY CONDITIONS THEY MIGHT SLAP ON ME...

STOP

...I GUESS ...
...I CAN TAKE ONE LOOK

AH!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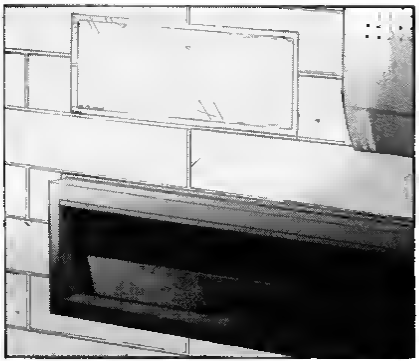

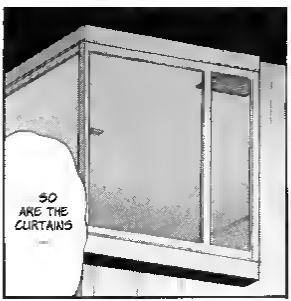
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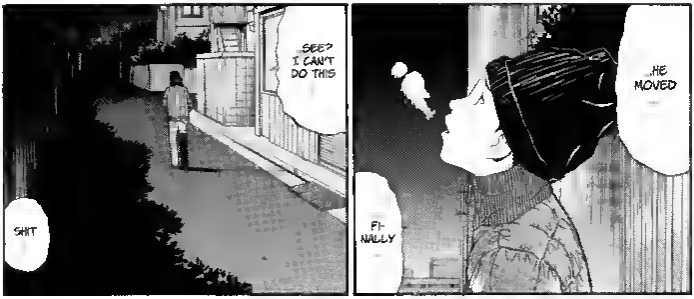
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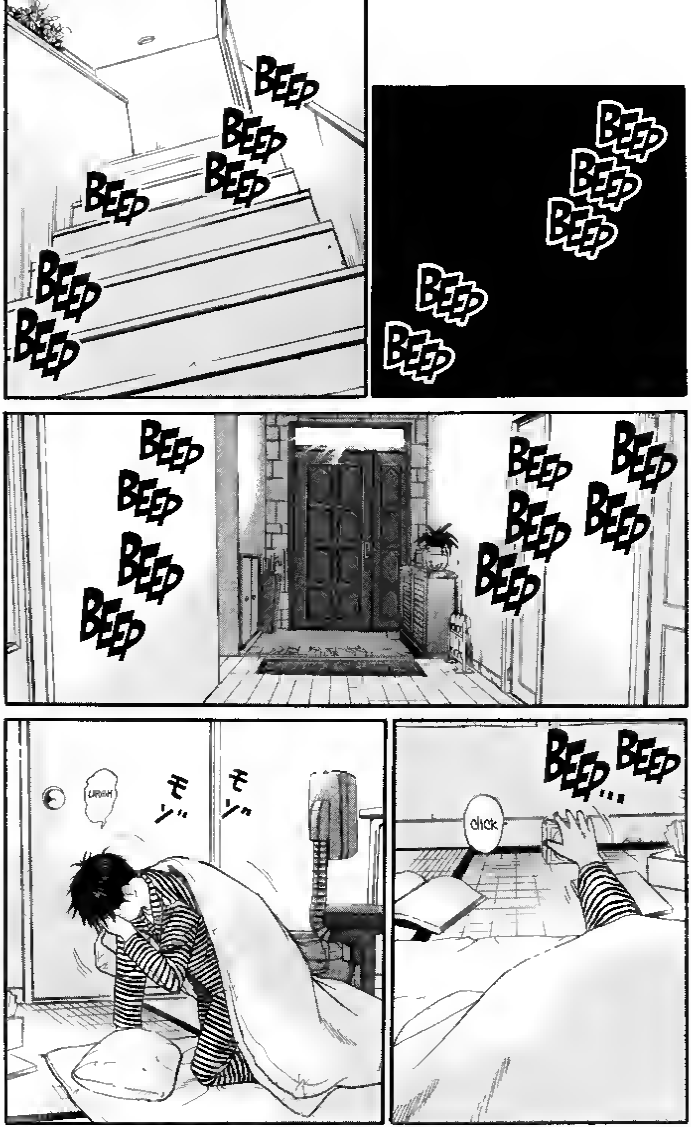
SEE? I CAN'T DO THIS
FI-NALLY
...
...HE MOVED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BEEP

YAAAAAAAAN
HEY MOMMM..? TODAY MY...
ガチャ
パタパタ

Yusuke: Mom went to some reunion thing. Turn off the stove and lock the door if you go out. DON'T TOUCH MY PLAYSTATION!!
HUH?

カラカラ
ガッ
ガッ
ガッ
NO GOLF CLUBS BAG
...NO CAR
...
...
NO PEOPLE

Only I am here, in full breeding mode.
And Nagumo will be here very soon...
...no one is in this house...
VERY DAN-GEROUS

OHHHH CRAP! I CAN'T DO THIS!! I HAVE TO LET HER KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW!!
ドア
ドア
OOOOOHH SHIT! THIS IS DANGEROUS! DANGEROUS HOUSE!!

ドア。

ピンポーン
WAAHH!!

キィ

HI THERE.
HEY... DID YOU JUST WAKE UP?
SORRY, I'M A BIT EARLY...
N. NO, IT'S COOL...
WELL... COME INSIDE...
PARDON ME THEN.

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